1954

Villanita

Russ

Good Luck to a kid
I know well and I
hope you don't go to
---- a track meet
with out running

Goose

Runs eats it Raw

Bob,
Barb says you look
like a bandit but I'm
not too sure.
Maybe a dr. huh?
Mary carlis.

Hi Bob
Here wishing you
loads of luck + have
fun in years to come.
Be good.

Leon O'Leary
'56"

Best of luck to a future
miler & half miler at
H. H. S. keep the good
work & you will go places
Kenny Freeman
'56'

Best of luck to
a real swell kid.
You sure made this
Biology class fun.
Good luck in the
future.
Kay Tot Patrick
'56"

Good luck to a student
a good pal all around
and good sport
Cliff Cox
'57"

Best of luck to
a swell kid
Don Lange
'56"

Phil Remember.
Loads of luck
and fun.
Ronald
Miller
"56"

Bob,
As a fellow
Track member.
I wish you luck
and fun.
Jim Lusk
Barbara Brun

Lots of luck
to a
swell
guy.
Lorraine Anderson
'56"

Best of luck a
Sweetheart
in Biology.
Murray
"56"

Best of luck
to a
swell
guy.
Lorraine Anderson
'56"

Best of luck
to a
swell
guy.
Lorraine Anderson
'56"

Roger Leibrand, P.P.S.
(plain plane spotter)

Good Luck
to a good kid
Lynn Halverson
"56"

Bob
Good luck and
don't be a fame'
Jim Roberts

Just don't be
quite as much
of a nuisance
next year.
Bill
(Brains)
Brinck

Lots of Luck
in getting on
a baseball team
this summer.
Mike Small
"56"

loads of
luck to a
swell kid
Jimmy
L. Wilson
"56"

"Be a good kid
Lots of luck in
coming years
Lyle Swalwell
"56"

Here's a swell
kid. Lots of luck
in coming years.
Judy Browning
"56"

Good luck to
you in the years
to come
Don Jones
"56"

Well Bob
another year is almost
finished and only two
more years. We'll see
a lot of each other this
summer.
Mike Griffith
"56"

Here's to Bob who
brings good cheer
after he's had first
no tall beer
Jake
"56"

Loads of luck
to you. See you
next year.
Norma Common
"56"

Helena High School

Helena, Montana

Lots of Luck Bob
to a fellow shop
Tear - See you next
year,
Joan Longfellow
"56"

Best Wishes +
Good luck to you.
Bob Ogren

Howdy:
Lots of laughs for the summer;
and always go happy, get lucky;
don't work too hard slogging
hello.

Jim Hill
Class of 56
(or die trying)

Russ
You are an awfully
swell kid and we've
had a lot of fun together
Here's to two more years
of the same. Be good!

Dave
Lots
Luck!
John Ryan
'56

Best of luck
to a fellow classmate
Fred
Lanny
'55

Mutt
'55

To a real swell
guy and to an up & coming
miler in Helena Hi Good
luck, be good & take it
easy

Jellie Fisher
'55

Russ
Here's to
Kid and wish you
luck in future
years.
Frank Ensign
'55

Russ
Take it easy
this summer and
don't go getting into
trouble I'd never see you
would it.
Otto Klein
'56

Best of luck
to a swell kid
Tom Smith
'56

Bob,
Best of luck to
you in your future
years. K. Foster

Yours, until the
Statue of Liberty
has tennis.
Ben Rotti
57-(LVII)

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Bob,
Here's to a real swell
Kid. Loads of luck and
fun this summer and
as a 'big' junior.
Helen Copenhaver
'56'

Helena High School

Helena, Montana

1954

Loads of luck
in the years
to come
Lee Kenne
"56"

Property of Robert Russ

Good luck to a
good kid, I hope
you letter next year
Harry Fuller

Good Luck to a
swell kid.
Lots of Luck
Mary Lou
'56

Bobby!
Lots of luck
and happiness in
future years to a
real swell guy.
Excuse this handwriting -
Sharon Canning
'69

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Helena, Montana

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Artist ..... Bill Gilbert
Advisor ..... Fay Kirkpatrick

ROBERT:
WELL YOUR JUST ABOUT
A JUNIOR NOW AND ALL
YOU'LL HAVE TO BOW TO
IS US BIG SENIORS.
GOOD LUCK ON YOUR
PROJECT + GET

Presenting the

JIM & MARY
(53)

1954

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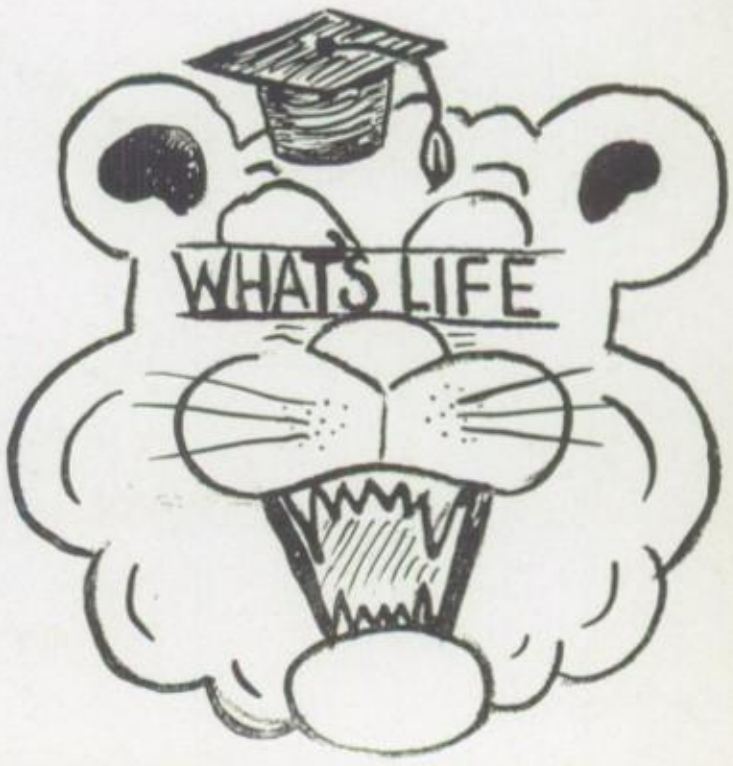
Bobby,
Good luck to a
real swell guy.
Have fun this
year, there.
Lorraine
Carey ('5')
(secretary on a class)



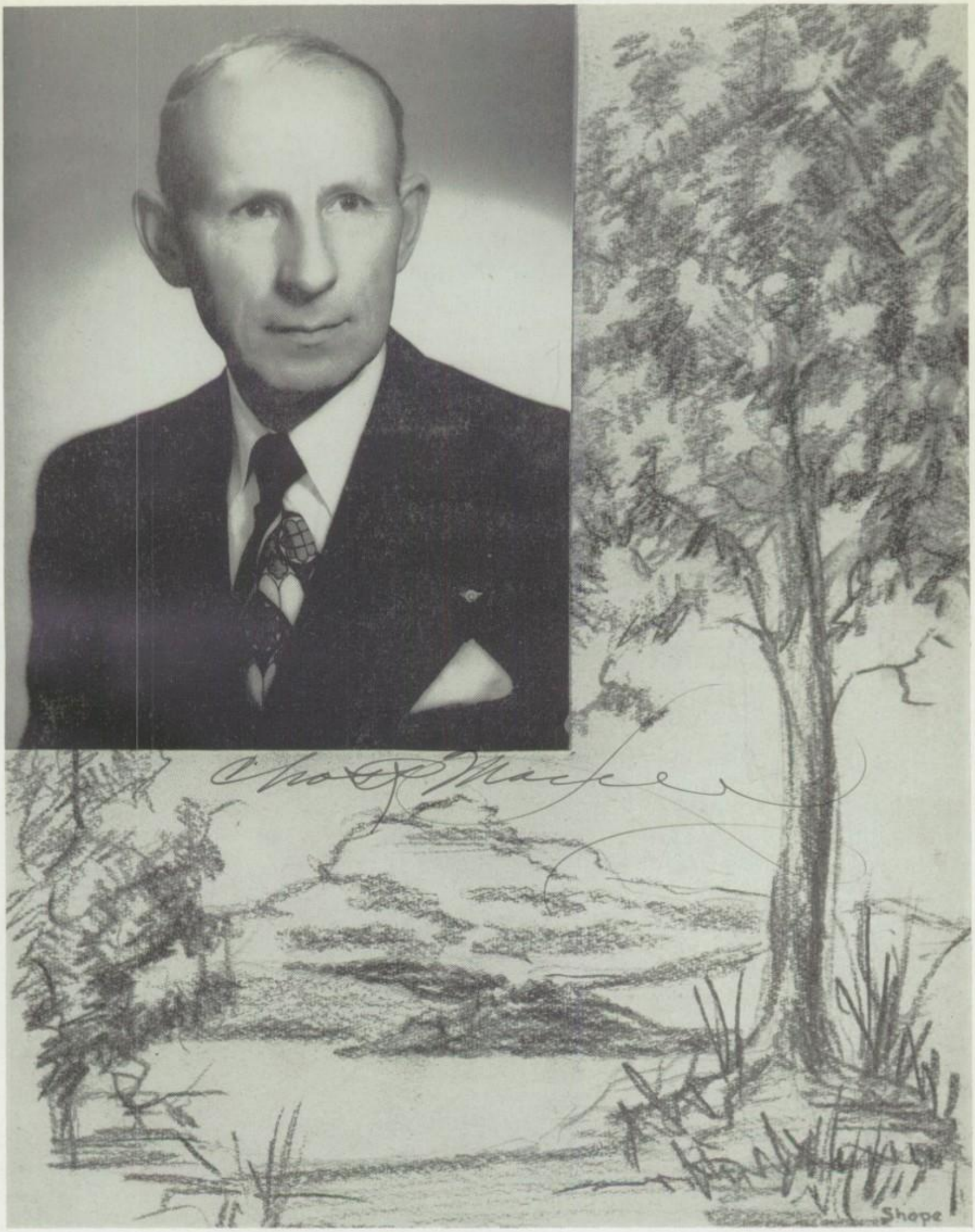
Foreword

What is life?

A reflection of life has been captured in words and pictures between the covers of the 1954 Vigilante. A variety of experiences are recalled herein to remember and re-live in future years.

This book, like life, is the result of shared experiences and responsibilities. The Vigilante is divided as your high school life is divided to meet the response of different interests. As many as these are, there will be even more in your further life.

May your life be components of all these factors in well-balanced proportion so that fifty years from now you can say: "THIS is life." The answer is in the living.



Charles M. Mattill

Teacher - Friend - Counselor

To Mr. Mattill, who has dedicated a lifetime of service to young people, helping them on their way. His kind consideration, patience, and understanding will always be remembered. We dedicate this our 1954 Vigilante with affection.

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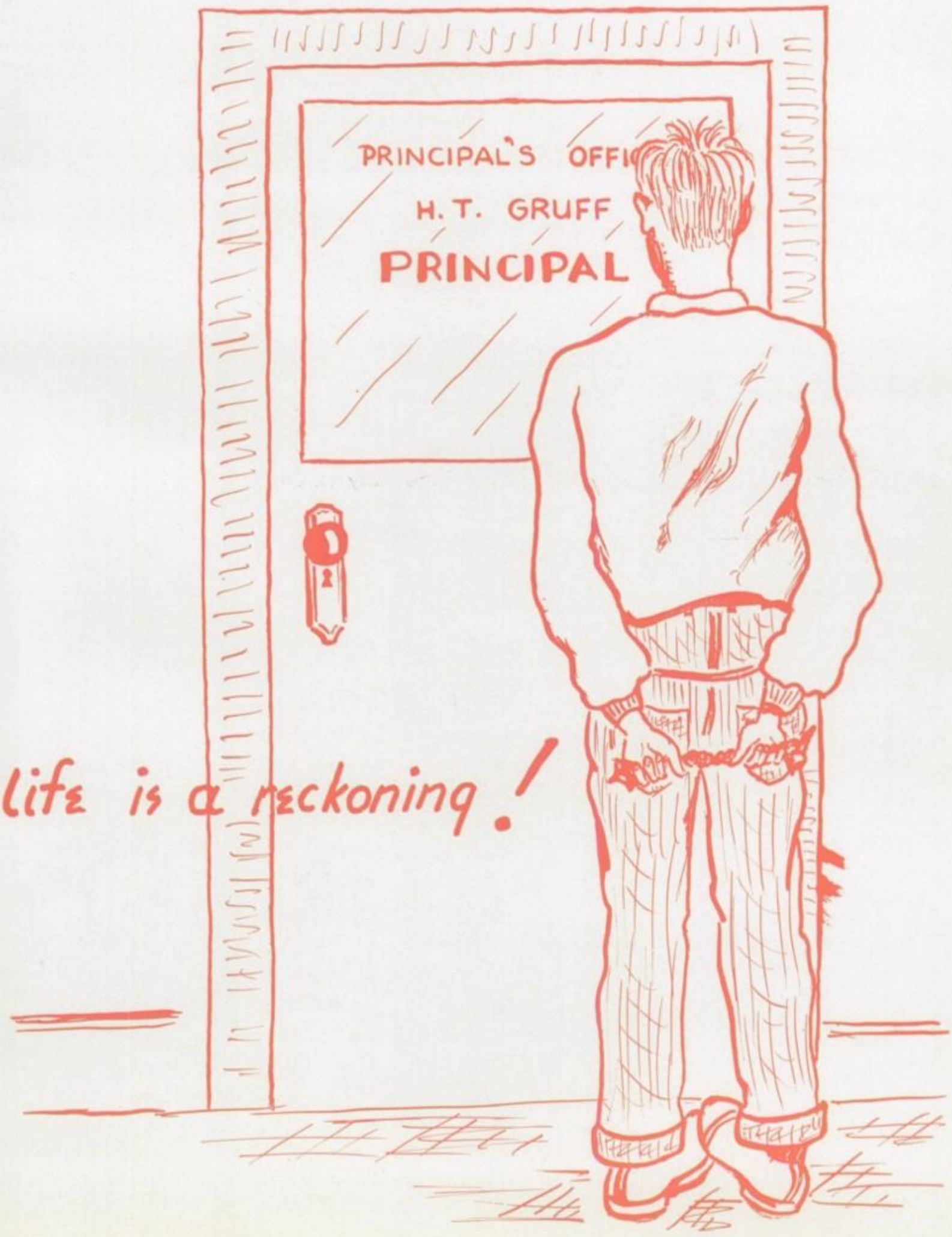

life is a reckoning!

MR. FELLBAUM

Mr. Fellbaum is the unseen man behind our entire school system. It is through work and endeavor such as his that we are able to attend school. His job has been so well done that he is rated high throughout the state as a superintendent.

Left to right: Mr. Janes, Miss Carter, Mrs. Sieger, Mrs. Ravnikar.

ADMINISTRATION STAFF

More is done by this group of people than most of us dream of. Theirs alone is the responsibility of getting supplies to school on time—of keeping the books straight and the bills paid. Theirs is a job that calls for care and discretion.

SCHOOL BOARD

The school board must decide on what days we will have a holiday how long our vacations may last, who will teach us and many other details — none too large or small for their full consideration. Their job calls for a great amount of foresight and understanding of the students and their problems.

Left to right: Mr. Norseth, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Riegel, Mr. Kind, Mr. Rossiter, Mr. Knox, Mr. Fellbaum, Dr. Bjork, Mr. Brown, Mr. Janes, Mr. Reuterdahl, Mrs. Betzner, Mrs. Larison.

MR. OGREN

School doesn't start at nine and end at four for Mr. Ogren. His days are much longer. He skillfully guides us through four of the best years of our lives; he endures our misbehaving and excuses; he keeps the school going even when a basketball game, a play and a pep assembly come on the same day; and he is respected by all.

MR. KORN

Although Mr. Korn was able to be with us only a very short time, he won the respect of the entire student body. During the long weeks in the hospital, he was remembered by the students, who kept him in touch with the school by cards, letters, flowers and other gifts.

MR. RUSSELL

As principal of the airport school, Mr. Russell has made it one of the finest of its kind in the country. An outstanding record can be noted by the fact that none of his students have failed the federal examinations. Besides being the principal of the school, he teaches welding, helps to train boys for various technical jobs, and gives individual attention to his students.

Faculty

CLARENCE ANTHONY
Machine Shop

SHIRLEY BARBOUR
Secretary

MARY BATTERSHELL
History

CHARLES BLOSSOM
Orchestra

SAM CAPPIOUS
Social Science

ROBERT CLARK
Band

MARY CLUTE
Commercial

THOMAS EDWARDS
Art

HENRY FISKE
Science-Mathematics

DOROTHY GIESE
History-Biology

ROBERTA GOODHART
Commercial

AMSEL GREENE
Word Clues-Latin

BERYL HANDFORD
Physical Education

EDITH HARTZOG
English

SONNA HOWE
Library

Faculty

CHARLES JOHNSON
Science

FAY KIRKPATRICK
English-Publications

WILLIAM KORIZEK
Aircraft Engines

GEORGE LEGER
Biology

GEORGE LEWIS
Vocal Music

MARY MARJERRISON
English-Speech

E. GEORGE MARKIN
Science

DORIS MARSHALL
Dramatics

CHARLES MATTILL
Social Science

SERENA McCARTHY
English

BERNARD McGINLEY
Physical Education

KATHRYN MEGARD
English-Latin

WILLAMETTE MORSE
Commercial

DUANE PARKER
Radio

TATE PEEK
Social Science

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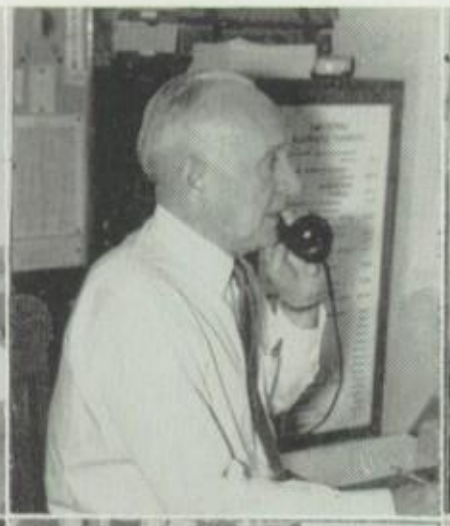
KATHLEEN RAMEY
English



FRED ROBINSON
Vocational Education

LLOYD SKOR
Athletics

FRANCIS SPRINKLE
Industrial Art

RICHARD STAFFORD
Spanish-English

JEAN VAN WINKLE
Homemaking
Physical Education

ANTHONY VIROSTKO
Auto Mechanics

W. W. WAHL
Mathematics

ESTHER WIGER
Mathematics

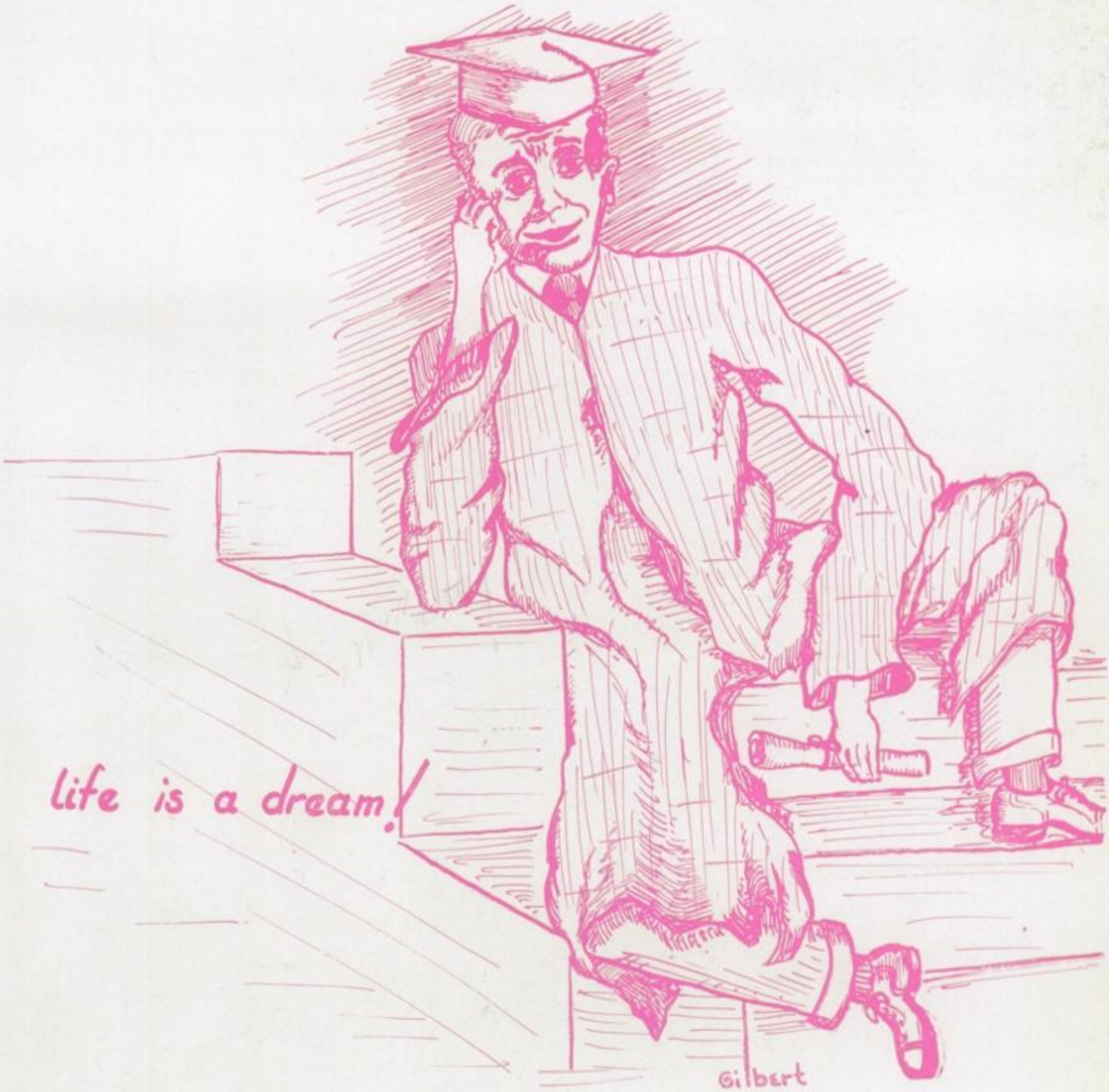
FRANK R. WILLIAMS
Mathematics
Athletics

LOUISE WILLIAMS
English-French

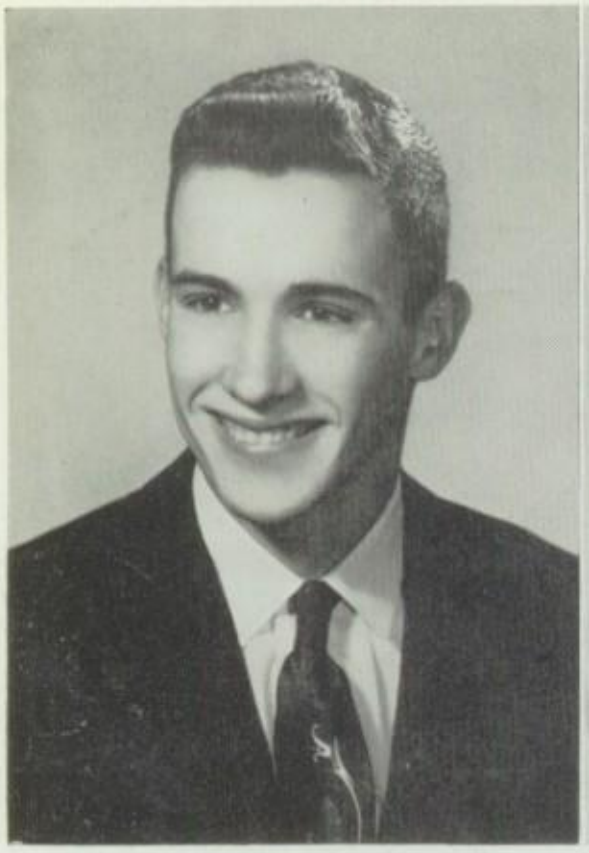
JOANE WOHLGENANT
Homemaking

HELENA HIGH

SENIORS



Senior Class Officers



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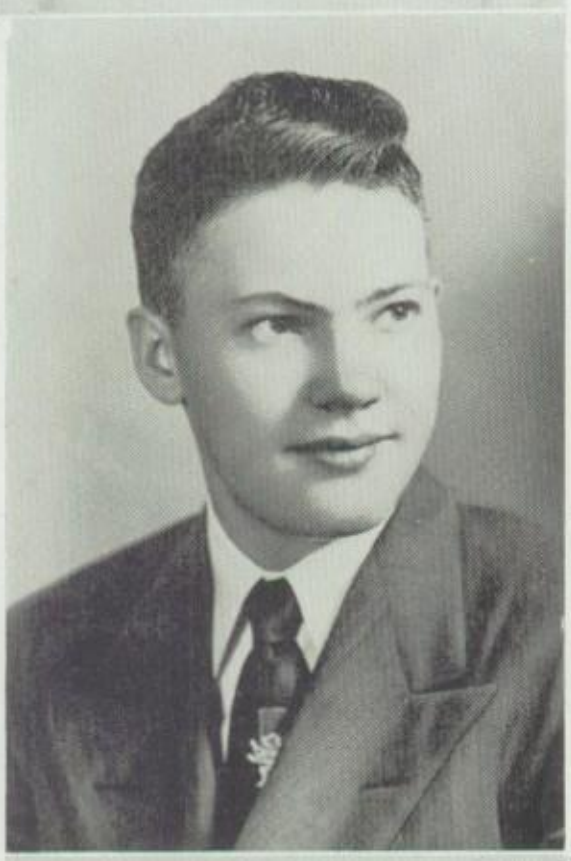
Vice President

JEANNIE JO DUNCAN
Treasurer



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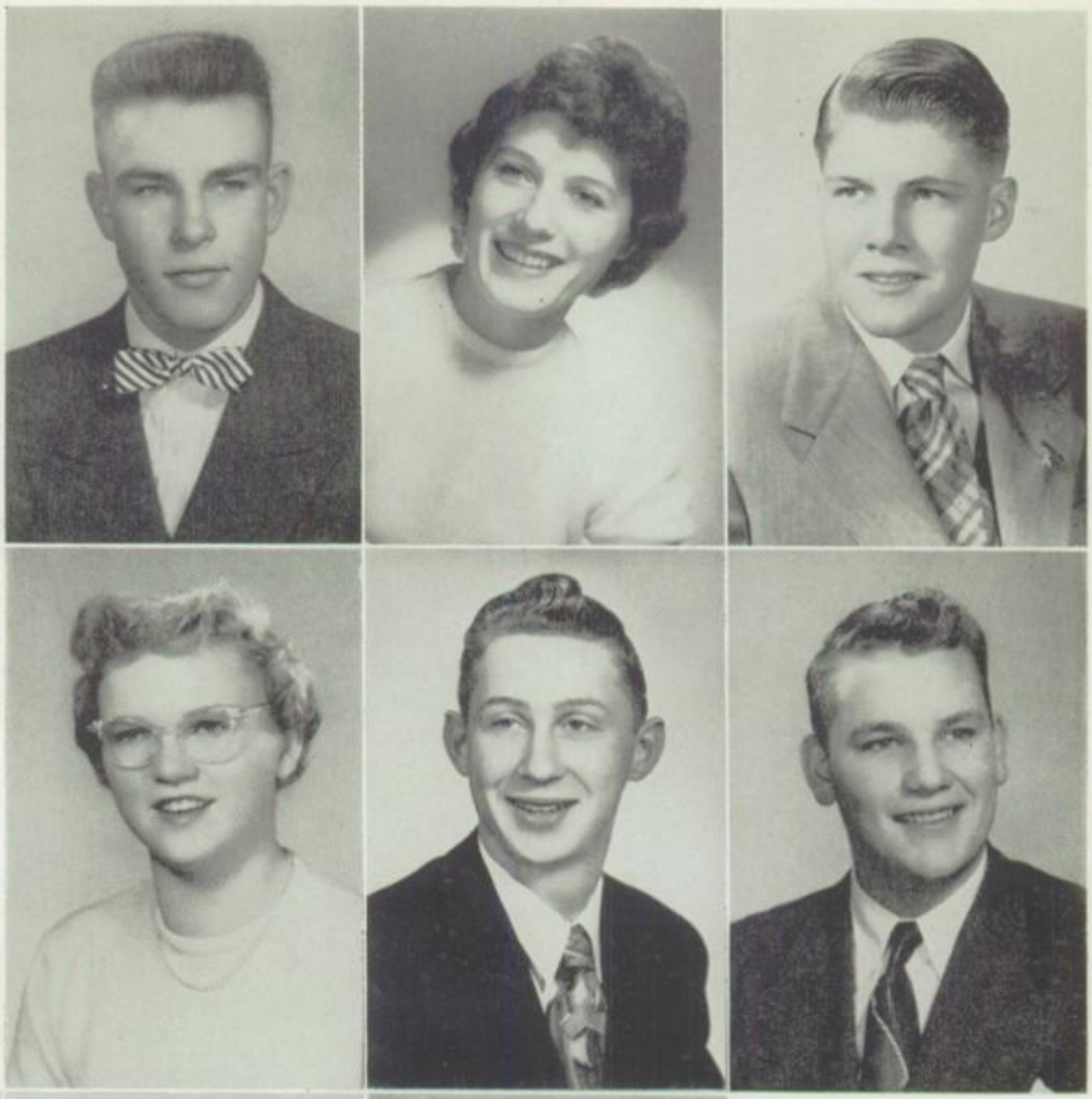
GRETCHEN HUBER
Secretary

TOM DeYOUNG
Representative

Seniors



ANDERS, JERRY LEE
(Jerry)
What's next?
Work, then college.

ANDERSON, ELIZABETH J.
(Betty)
What's next?
Secretarial work.

ANDERSON, JACK ERNEST
(Jack)
What's next?
MSC. Automobile dealer.

ANDRE, SHEILA
(Andy)
What's next?
Montana State College.

ANDRIDGE, GARY EARL
(Gump)
What's next?
Army.

APPLEGATE, CLARENCE L.
(Bugs)
What's next?
Work.

AXLINE, HARRY
(Hare)
What's next?
MSC. Civil engineer.

BAILEY, BARBARA LEE
(Bobbie)
What's next?
Carroll College. Nursing.

BARKER, JAMES WESCOT
(Jim)
What's next?
Work.

BARNES, CHARLES DEE
(Chuck)
What's next?
Iowa State College.
Nuclear physicist.

BARNES, JO ANN
(Jo)
What's next?
Social worker.

BARNES, MARGARET ANN
(Peggy)
What's next?
Carroll College. Nursing.

Seniors

BEINHORN, RITA ARLENE
(Rete)
What's next?
Secretary.

BENNITT, RICHARD L.
(Dicker)
What's next?
Stanford University.
Lawyer.

BENTZ, CHARLES EDWARD
(Chuck)
What's next?
MSC. Engineering.

BEVANS, MARGARET ANN
(Peggy)
What's next?
Brigham Young University.
Fashion designing.

BILLINGS, MICHAEL G.
(Mike)
What's next?
Stanford University.
Physicist.

BISSON, RICHARD ALBERT
(Dick)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Business administration.

BJORK, EARLYN RAE
(Bee)
What's next?
Housewife.

BLIXT, ARLENE MARGARET
(Arlene)
What's next?
Work.

BOUCHEY, NORMAN T.
(Norm)
What's next?
Engineering.

BRAKE, MARGARET C.
(Maggie)
What's next?
Reed College.
Chemical research.

BRANDT, HOWARD ALLEN
(Buzz)
What's next?
Pacific Lutheran College.

BROWN, DONALD LEROY
(Don)
What's next?
Northern Montana College.
Mechanics.

Seniors

BROWN, DONNA JO
(Johnny)
What's next?
Santa Barbara, Calif.
Nurse.

BURGAN, DAVID WILLIAM
(Scotty)
What's next?
University of Washington.
Chemical engineer.

BUSHNELL, RENEE PAULINE
(Pauline)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Interior decorating.

BUTERBAUGH, JAN
(Janny)
What's next?
Washington University.
Designer.

BUTLER, MERLYN MILTON
(Merly)
What's next?
Montana State College.

CAMPBELL, SUSAN ADELE
(Sue)
What's next?
Alton, Illinois.
Interior decorator.

CANNON, CONSTANCE
(Connie)
What's next?
Washington State College.
Home economics.

CARBIS, JOANN ELIZABETH
(Jo)
What's next?
Stenographer.

CARROLL, MELVIN LAVAR
(DePercy)
What's next?
Brigham Young University.
Electrical engineer.

CARTWRIGHT, SHIRLEY A.
(Shirl)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Social worker.

CLARK, VERNA LOUISE
(Keed)
What's next?
Stenographer.

CLAUSEN, MARLENE JOY
(Joy)
What's next?
Secretary.

Seniors

CLAUSEN, NELL MARIE
(Nell)
What's next?
Office work.

CLEVELAND, DIANN
(Diann)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Home demonstration agent.

CLONINGER, RONNIE L.
(Ron)
What's next?
Carroll College.
Medicine.

CONNER, THOMAS JAY
(Tim)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Mechanical engineer.

CONNORS, MARY LEE
(Lee)
What's next?
Work.

CONNOLLY, CAREN JEAN
(Caren)
What's next?
Montana State University.
Personal secretary.

CROWLEY, PATRICIA M.
(Pat)
What's next?
University of Montana.

CUMMINGS, BILLIE ANN
(Billie)
What's next?
Western Montana College
of Education. Teacher.

DALTON, CHARLES KADEL
(Charles)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Chemist.

DANA, LOUDEAN B.
(Lou)
What's next?
Typist.

DANIELS, ANN
(Bubbles)
What's next?
St. Paul's School for Girls.

DEBAR, GWEN MARIE
(Gwenie)
What's next?
Stenographer.

Seniors

DEBREE, JOYCE OLIVIA
(Joyce)
What's next?
University of Minnesota.
Nursing.

DECOUTEAU, ANTHONY
(Tony)
What's next?
United States Navy.

DEHART, SARAH LOTTIE
(Lotus)
What's next?
Western Life Insurance Co.

DEYOUNG, THOMAS A.
(Hu Flung)
What's next?
Stanford University.
Commercial pilot.

DOBLER, JANET EMMA
(Jan)
What's next?
University of Washington.
Interior decorating.

DODSON, WARREN A.
(Warren)
Transfer from Western Canada High School in Calgary.

DOWNS, ROBERT NORMAN
(Bob)
What's next?
United States Army.

DUNCAN, JEANNIE JO ANN
(Jeannie Jo)
What's next?
Brigham Young University.

EASBEY, FREMONT F.
(Sonny)
What's next?
United States Navy.

EDWARDS, KENNETH D.
(Dunk)
What's next?
Montana State College.

EGGAN, DONNA LOU
(Dee)
What's next?
University of Washington.
Dramatics.

ELLIOTT, ANN MARIE
(Susie)
What's next?
Stenographer.

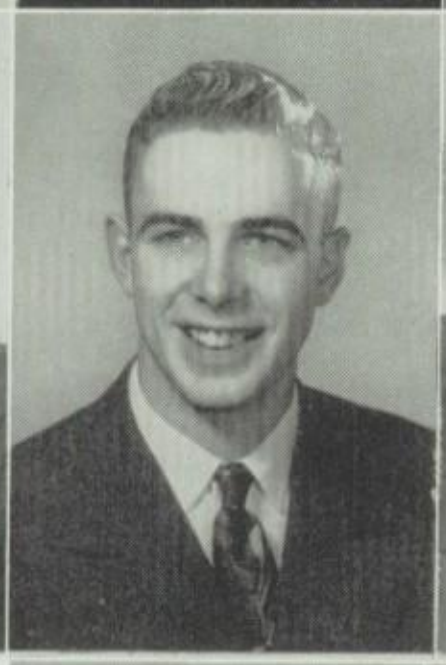
Seniors

EVERETT, BARBARA IRENE
(Barbara)
Whats next?
Montana State College.
Nurse.

FABIAN, JOY
(Fab)
What's next?
Housewife.

FAHRNER, ELIZABETH M.
(Liz)
What's next?
Montana State University.
Business administration.

FAUL, MONA JANE
(Mona)
What's next?
Stenographer.



FINLEY, ROBERT LESTER
(Jerry)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Business administration.

FOSTER, GERALD LEE
(Jerry)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Business administration.

FOURNIER, DON HARVEY
(Froggy)
What's next?
Work.

FRENCH, JUANITA ANN
(Frenchy)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Dental Technician.

FREYLER, THOMAS F.
(Farly)
What's next?
United States Army.

FRITZ, JOAN MARIE
(Fritzie)
What's next?
Stenographer.

GEORGE, EDDIE BERNARD
(Ed)
What's next?
Work.

GIBSON, WAYNE DOUGLAS
(Gib)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Agriculture.

Seniors

GILBERT, WILLIAM ALBERT
(Wee Willie)
What's next?
Los Angeles Art Institute.
Commercial artist.

GILLESPIE, DOROTHY S.
(Dotte)
What's next?
Secretary.

GLEASON, JUDY KAREN
(Jude)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Physical education.

GOLDBERG, RONALD RAY
(Ron)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Engineer.

GRADY, GENE RAYMOND
(Gandy)
What's next?
Montana State University.
Forestry.

GRUEL, CHARLOTTE ALICE
(Char)
What's next?
Housewife.

HAINES, RICHARD E.
(Dick)
What's next?
University of Washington.
Aeronautical engineer.

HALVERSON, JUDITH ANN
(Judy)
What's next?
Stenographer.

HAMBIDGE, VIRGINIA I.
(Ginny)
What's next?
San Jose State College.
Music.

HAMES, DANIEL ANDREW
(Dan)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Mechanical engineer.

HARDY, CLAUDIA ANN
(Claudia)
What's next?
Cottey College, Nevada, Missouri.
Music.

HARKER, DARRYL
(Darryl)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Civil engineer.

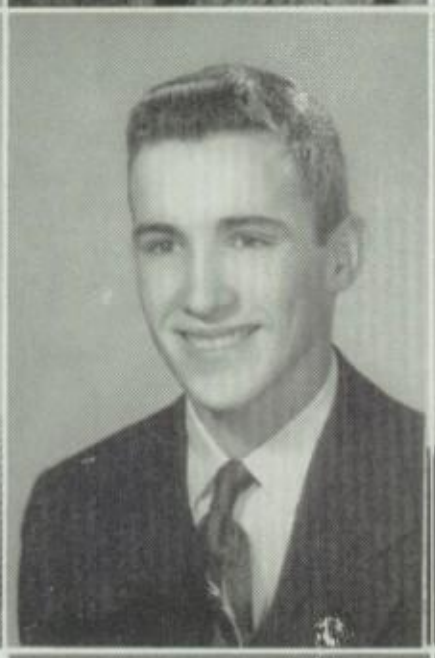
Seniors

HARRER, RUTH ANN
(Ruth)
What's next?
College. Actress.

HARRIS, BENJAMIN LEWIS
(Tex)
What's next?
Ranching.

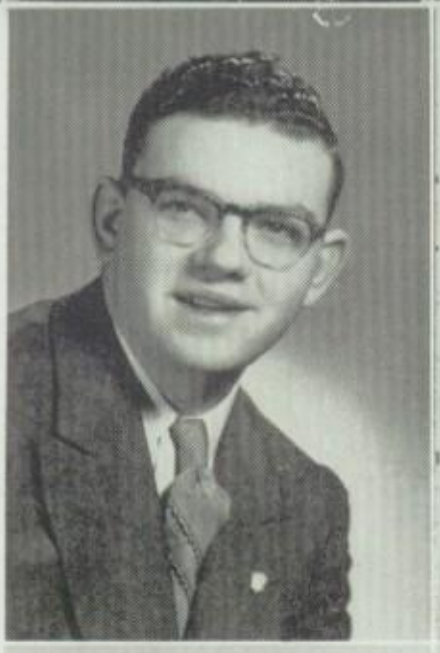
HARTNETT, DAVID GERALD
(Beans)
What's next?
Air Force.

HASELHORST, ERNEST W.
(Willie)
What's next?
Work.



HASLIP, GERALD JOHN
(Jerry)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Engineer.

HENRY, RUTH ELIZABETH
(Ruthie)
What's next?
Montana State University.
Music.



HIGGINS, WILLIAM LEROY
(Higgy)
What's next?
University of Washington.
Law.

HODGES, PAUL WESLEY
(Paul)
What's next?
Los Angeles Art Center.

HOLSHUE, DONALD JOHN
(Don)
What's next?
Chyne Electrical School,
Chicago, Illinois.
Radio and television.

HOUSE, DICK ARTHUR
(Houseman)
What's next?
Work.

HOWARD, JO ANN MAY
(Jo)
What's next?
IBM operator.

HOWARD, JOHN THOMAS
(Jack)
What's next?
Montana State University.
Forestry.

Seniors

HUBER, GRETCHEN L.
(Gretch)
What's next?
University of Montana.

HUNT, JAMES D.
(Jim)
What's next?
Iowa State.
Civil engineer.

JANES, PATRICIA MARY ANN KRAUT
(Pat)
What's next?
Housewife.

JENNINGS, LOIS JEAN
(Lois)
What's next?
Montana State College.

JENSON, JOYCE MARIE
(Joe)
What's next?
Gulf Park, Mississippi.
Teacher.

JOHNSON, BONNIE MAE
(Johnnie)
What's next?
Montana State University.
Business administration.

JOHNSON, COLLEEN RAE
(Johnnie)
What's next?
Housewife.

JONES, CONSTANCE EILEEN
(Connie)
What's next?
Sacramento Junior College.
Sacramento, Calif.

JONES, WILLIAM HAROLD
(Bill)
What's next?
California.
Jet engines.

JUDGE, TERRANCE PATRICK
(Terry)
What's next?
Carroll College.
Medicine.

KENNEY, FRANKLIN LANIS
(Lanny)
What's next?
Naval School of Music,
Washington, D. C.
Orchestra leader.

KING, CAROLYN MAY
(Carolyn)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Interior decorator.

Seniors

KINSEY, MARY LEE
(Mary Lee)
What's next?
Secretary.

KNEEDLER, PATTI E.
(Betts)
What's next?
Montana State College.

KOCKLER, GERALD L.
(Jerry)
What's next?
Work.

KOKORUDA, PATRICIA ANN
(Pat)
What's next?
Work.

KRETZER, SARA JANE
(Sari Lou)
What's next?
College.

KRUSE, MYRNA MARIE
(Myrna)
What's next?
Waves.

KUCHENBROD, RONALD L.
(Kook)
What's next?
Denver University.

LAMB, EARL BENJAMIN
(Benny)
What's next?
Carroll College.

LANDRY, MARY LOU
(Punk)
What's next?
Medical secretary.

LANNING, MARION LEITH
(Marion)
What's next?
Northern Montana College.
Teacher.

LEA, ROBERT EDMUND
(Trapper Bob)
What's next?
Work.

LICHTWARDT, NANCY ANN
(Nance)
What's next?
Washington State College.
Home economics.

Seniors

LIEDLE, AFTON LORRAINE
(Lied)
What's next?
College.

LIEDLE, LESTER LESLIE
(Les)
What's next?
Work.

LINDSTROM, ERIC EVERETT
(Eric)
What's next?
Wheaton College, Illinois.
Medicine.

LIPES, JANICE NAN
(Nanice)
What's next?
Secretary.

LOUGRIDGE, EVERETT A.
(Blood)
What's next?
College.
Business administration.

MADDIO, JACK PIO
(Jack)
What's next?
Helena Business College.
Commercial.

MANLY, MARIAN O.
(Marian)
What's next?
University of India,
New Delhi.

MANSON, GARY ALLAN
(Manse)
What's next?
Carroll College.
Selling.

MARONEY, GEORGIA ANN
(Geo)
What's next?
Carroll College.

MARTIN, MARY JANE E.
(Jeani)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Radio.

MASON, BURNETA MAY
(Bert)
What's next?
Housewife.

McCULLOUGH, MARY M.
(Mike)
What's next?
Montana State University.
Stenographer.

Seniors

McDONALD, CAROL ANN
(Carol)
What's next?
College.
Business teaching.

McHUGH, TOM GRADY
(Buttermilk)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Dairyman.

MEHUS, VERA JOY
(Vera)
What's next?
College.

MEJIA, MARION MARCELLE
(Marcy)
What's next?
Work.

MERCER, MARLENE ANN
(Merc)
What's next?
Washington State College.

MERGENTHALER, MILDRED
(Mickey)
What's next?
Montana State College.

MILCH, GAIL MARLENE
(Millie)
What's next?
Clerk-typist.

MILLS, THOMAS EDWARD
(Bud)
What's next?
Montana State University.
Electrical engineer.

MITCHKE, BEVERLY RAE
(Bev)
What's next?
Carroll College.
Laboratory technology.

MOORE, MARY LOU
(Lulus)
What's next?
Secretary.

MORLEY, JOLENE ANN
(Jo)
What's next?
Carroll College.
Nursing.

NACHTSHEIM, GEORGE H.
(Scrag)
What's next?
Denver College.
Accountant.

Seniors

NELSON, ROBERT DONALD
(Nelly)
What's next?
Salesman.

NICKOVICK, WILLIAM LEE
(Nifty Nick)
What's next?
USAF.

NOEL, BETTY JEANNINE
(Lil' Noel)
What's next?
St. Elizabeth's, Wash.
Nurse.

NORTHAM, BEVERLY JEAN
(Bev)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Dental hygienist.

NOVAK, FRANCES ELSIE
(France)
What's next?
Typist.

O'CONNOR, JIM FRANCIS
(Jim)
What's next?
United States Navy.

O'LEARY, LEE ERNEST
(Mighty Mouse)
What's next?
United States Navy.

PADBURY, GEORGE W.
(Jerry)
What's next?
Montana State University.
Lawyer.

PALMER, GAIL MARIE
(Chick)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Ranching.

PEDERSON, BONNIE GAIL
(Pete)
What's next?
Work.

PEEK, JAMES MERRELL
(Jim)
What's next?
Montana State University.
Fish and Game Forest
Service.

PEEL, HELEN JUANITA
(Nita)
What's next?
Montana State University.
Journalism.

Seniors

PENCE, ROBERT KAIN
(Bob)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Chemical engineer.

PEOPLES, DONALD A.
(Don)
What's next?
Radio operating.

PEURA, DONNA LEE
(Donna)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Business.

PEWITT, CHARLES A.
(Chuck)
What's next?
United States Navy.

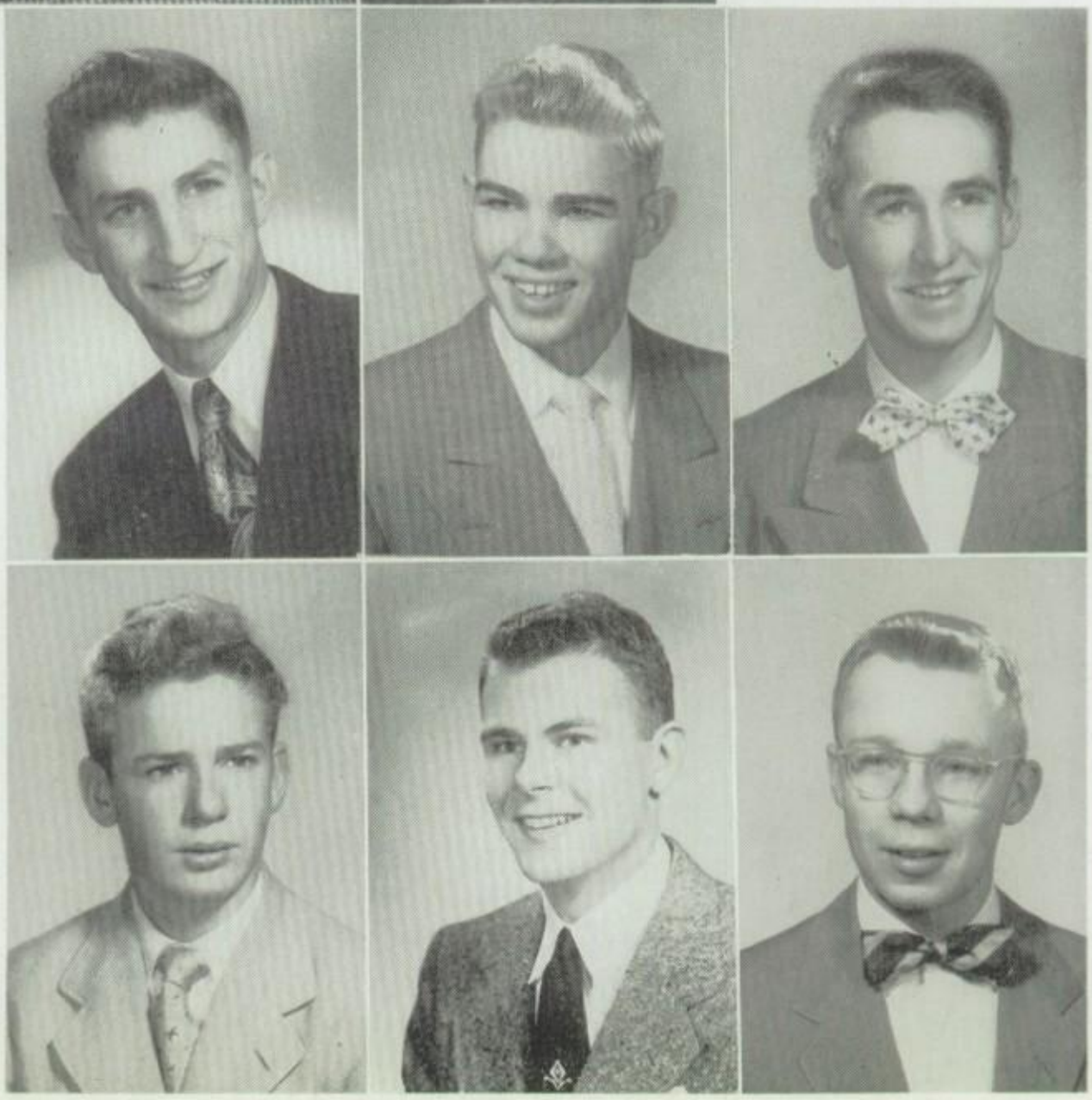
POE, NETTIE MARIE
(Net)
What's next?
Clerking.

POORE, JAMES PHILLIP
(Jim)
What's next?
Pacific Lutheran, Parkland, Wash.
Diesel engineering.

PREBIL, WILLIAM DONALD
(Don)
What's next?
Mechanic.

PRENTICE, DANIEL S.
(Dan'l)
What's next?
Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Ore.
Teaching.

RAUE, DAN RAY
(Rastus)
What's next?
Work.



REARDON, TIMOTHY V.
(Tim)
What's next?
Air Force.

RICKER, PHIL REDDING
(Rick)
What's next?
Montana State College.

ROBERTS, WILLIAM A.
(Rip)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Business administration.

Seniors

ROBINSON, KEITH EDWIN
(Robbie)
What's next?
Carroll College.
Forestry.

RODOCAY, ARLENE MARIE
(Butch)
What's next?
Carroll College.
Nursing.

RODOCAY, EILEEN LAVANE
(Pumpkin)
What's next?
Stenographer.

ROGERS, SALLY ANN
(Bubbles)
What's next?
Eastern Montana College.
Commercial artist.

ROMAN, MARY LOUISE
(Rome)
What's next?
Stenographer.

SAARI, CAROL ANN
(Ann)
What's next?
Secretary.

SANGRAY, ANDREW R.
(Rand)
What's next?
Air Force.

SASS, DOROTHEA JUNE
(Dot)
What's next?
Stenographer.

SAUNDERS, BARBARA ANN
(Barb)
What's next?
Montana State University.
Medical technology.

SHELTON, NANCY SUE
(Nance)
What's next?
University of California
at Los Angeles.

SHERIFF, RICHARD R.
(Russ)
What's next?
College.
Physical education.

SHOPE, JOYCE MARIAN
(Joyce)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Art.

Seniors

SIEWERT, CINCOONA Y.
(Cindy)
What's next?
Work.

SINCLAIR, DONNA MARIE
(Donna)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Home economics.

SLAVENS, MYRNA MAE
(Myrnie)
What's next?
Clerical work.

SMIDT, DONALD RAYMOND
(Bones)
What's next?
College. Engineer.

SMITH, CONRAD C.
(Conrad)
What's next?
Work.

SMITH, TRECIA ANN
(Terry)
What's next?
Eastern Montana College.

SMITH, WILLIAM EARL
(High Pockets)
What's next?
Farmer.

SMOLE, ANTHONY BERT
(Tony)
What's next?
Air Force cadet.

SPANGRUDE, GEORGE H.
(GiGi)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Wildlife management.

SPURZEM, LENORE FAY
(Ginger)
What's next?
Northern Montana College.
Elementary teaching.

STADHEIM, SANDRA
(Sandy)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Home economics.

STANIGER, CAROLY ANN
(Caroly)
What's next?
Montana State University.

Seniors

STARZ, NAN LOU
(Nan)
What's next?
Office work.

STICKNEY, BETTY LUCILLE
(Betty)
What's next?
Stenographer.

SWANSON, RALPH BRUCE
(Bruce)
What's next?
Carroll College.
Civil engineer.

SYNNESS, JOHN HARLAND
(Johnnie)
What's next?
Carpenter.

THAYER, LENA MAE
(Lennie)
What's next?
Carroll College.
Law.

TICHENOR, ROBERT W.
(Bob)
What's next?
United States Army.

TICHENOR, GORDON K.
(Gordon)
What's next?
Service.

TOMPKINS, THOMAS JOHN
(Tom)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Radio engineer.

TRUSWELL, DOROTHY L.
(Dot)
What's next?
Work.

VAN DIEST, STANLEY G.
(Stan)
What's next?
Aeronautics.

WALLACE, ROSE MARIE
(Rosie)
What's next?
Western Montana College.
Teaching.

WARD, STEVEN DALE
(Rag-Man)
What's next?
U. S. Navy.

Seniors

WEISS, EDWARD F.
(Ed)
What's next?
Montana State University.
Forestry.

WELCH, CATHERINE A.
(Cassie)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Nursing.

WENDEL, MARY ARLENE
(Poody)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Home economics.

WHITE, LAURIN LEWIS
(Laurin)
What's next?
Montana State University.
Law.

WIXSON, PAULINE
(Paul)
What's next?
Secretary.

WILKINS, ROSALIA LOIS
(Rosalia)
Transfer from Victorville, Calif., and left before school closed to return to California.

WILLIAMS, KENNETH R.
(Red)
What's next?
U. S. Navy.

WILLIAMS, SYLVIA ELLEN
(Slick)
What's next?
Montana State University.
Interior decorating.

WILLIAMS, GWEN WORK
(Gwen)
What's next?
Housewife.

WILSON, MARILYN ANN
(Willy)
What's next?
Secretary.

WORK, GORDON LYLE
(Gordon)
What's next?
United States Army.

WOODS, DOLARES DAHL
(Do Do)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Merchandising.

Seniors

WRIGHT, JOHN PRESTON
(Tiny)
What's next?
Radio announcer.

YAEGER, JEAN MARIAN
(Jeannie Neut)
What's next?
University of Washington.
Commercial Art.

ZIESMAN, MARVA
What's next?
Homemaker.

ZUELKE, EARL CHARLES
(Zulks)
What's next?
Montana State College.
Commercial art.

Central School Graduates 1950

Rotary Representatives

Eric Lindstrom

Dave Burgan

Dan Prentice

Russ Sheriff

Don Smidt

John Howard

Jerry Haslip

Charles Bentz

Dan Hames

Rand Sangray

Every year the senior boys choose nine members of the senior class to represent Helena High at the weekly Rotary Club meetings, each to attend for a month. Since there was a tie between Dan Hames and Rand Sangray, both attended the meetings in May. It is traditional for the student body president and senior class president to attend the first two months.

D A R Girl

TRECIA SMITH

CLAUDIA HARDY

Every year the Daughters of the American Revolution presents an award to one girl in the Senior class. This award is given in recognition of the girl's dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. To be named D. A. R. Girl is among the highest honors a senior girl can receive. The senior girls elected these three girls, Trecia Smith, Gretchen Huber and Claudia Hardy, to receive this honor. From the three the faculty named Claudia.

GRETCHEN HUBER

Honor Roll

(Top Twenty Students by Rank)

Mike Billings
Dave Burgan
Margaret Brake
Cassie Welch
Chuck Bentz
Marian Manly
Gwen Williams
Juanita French
Trecia Smith
Connie Cannon

Diann Cleveland
Nancy Lichtwardt
Georgia Maroney
Mildred Mergenthaler
Ann Saari
Gretchen Huber
Don Smidt
Bruce Swanson
Jeannie Jo Duncan
Sheila Andre

Scholarships

There are many scholarships available to eligible seniors this year. Besides the ones listed, many students took scholarship tests from the school they were interested in.

The University of Montana makes available scholarships to high-ranking seniors. The scholarships can be used at any of the divisions of the Greater University of Montana and are for various amounts.

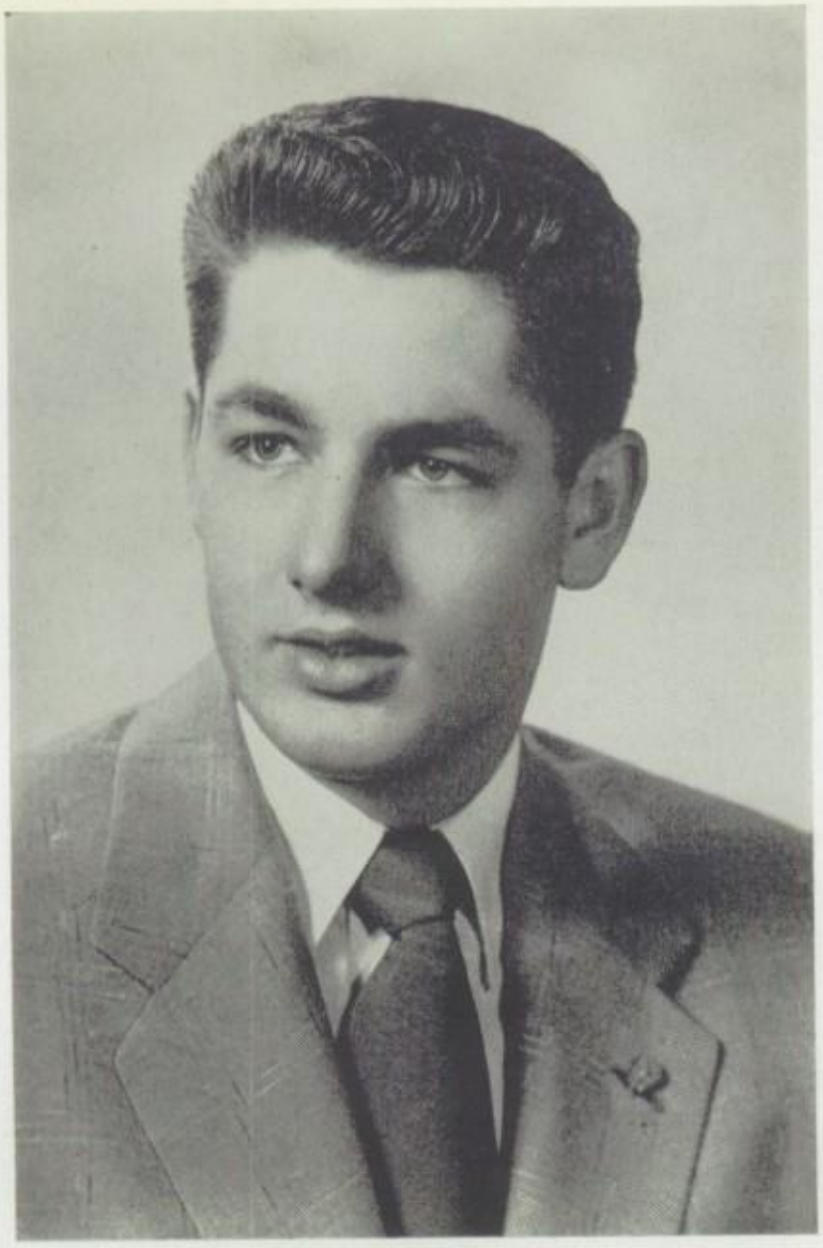
The Elks scholarship, awarded by the local BPOE chapter of Helena, consisted of fifty dollars first prize, twenty-five dollars second prize and fifteen dollars for third.

The Catholic boy with the highest average is presented a scholarship from Carroll College. If he does not wish to use it, it goes to the next highest.

High School Week in Bozeman, sponsored by MSC, is open to the twenty seniors with the highest averages and who are able to attend. During the week, tests for achievement and aptitude are given. High School Week was April 29, 30 and May 1.

For science students, the Bausch and Lomb science award is presented to the most outstanding science student throughout high school.

This year Montana State University gave scholarship tests to seniors in the state and awarded 12 full fee for one year scholarships to the top ranking people.

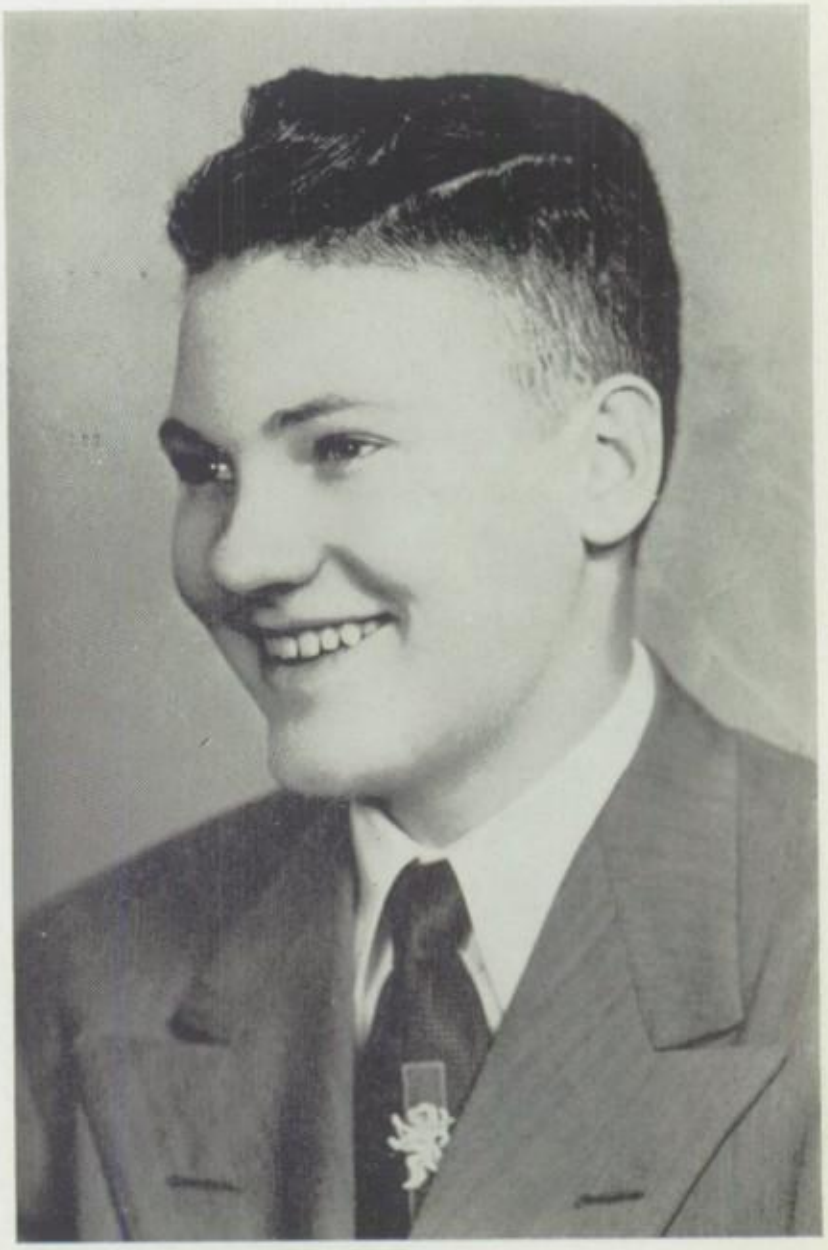


Valedictorian

Mike Billings led the graduating class of 1954 with a scholastic average of 4.88. Mike was the first boy who has been valedictorian in the last four years. During his four years in HHS, Mike was in student council, Latin Club, Nugget staff, and was vice president of Honor Society in his senior year. Mike also ranked high in the National Honor Society tests taken in his senior year. His brilliance in work and his eagerness to render service on any job should make HHS proud of its valedictorian.

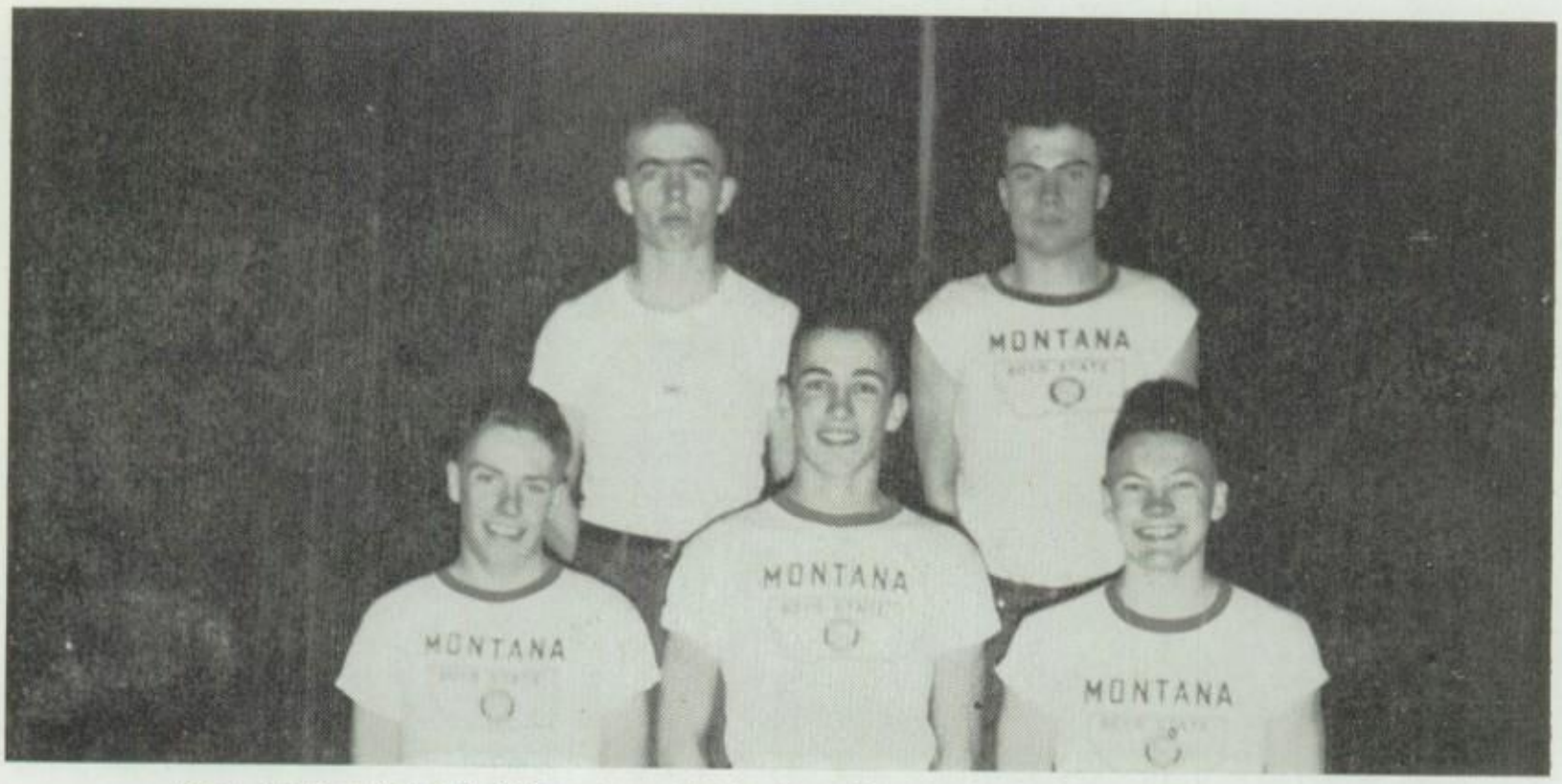
Salutatorian

Dave Burgan was salutatorian of the class of 1954 with an average of 4.86. Dave was one of the most active boys in school participating in many varied activities. He was representative of his junior class and president of his senior class. Dave was president of Honor Society and Latin Club and was also editor of the 1954 Vigilante. He was on the Nugget staff and in Quill and Scroll, a Rotary representative, was in student council, and in Boys' H-Club. Last summer he attended Boys' State and played Legion baseball. Despite his numerous activities Dave managed to maintain a high scholastic average.



Boys' State

Boys' State meets each year at Western Montana College in Dillon for the purpose of giving boys a better understanding of good citizenship and governmental procedure. Fifteen boys are selected by the faculty to represent Helena High. They are sponsored by civic organizations.



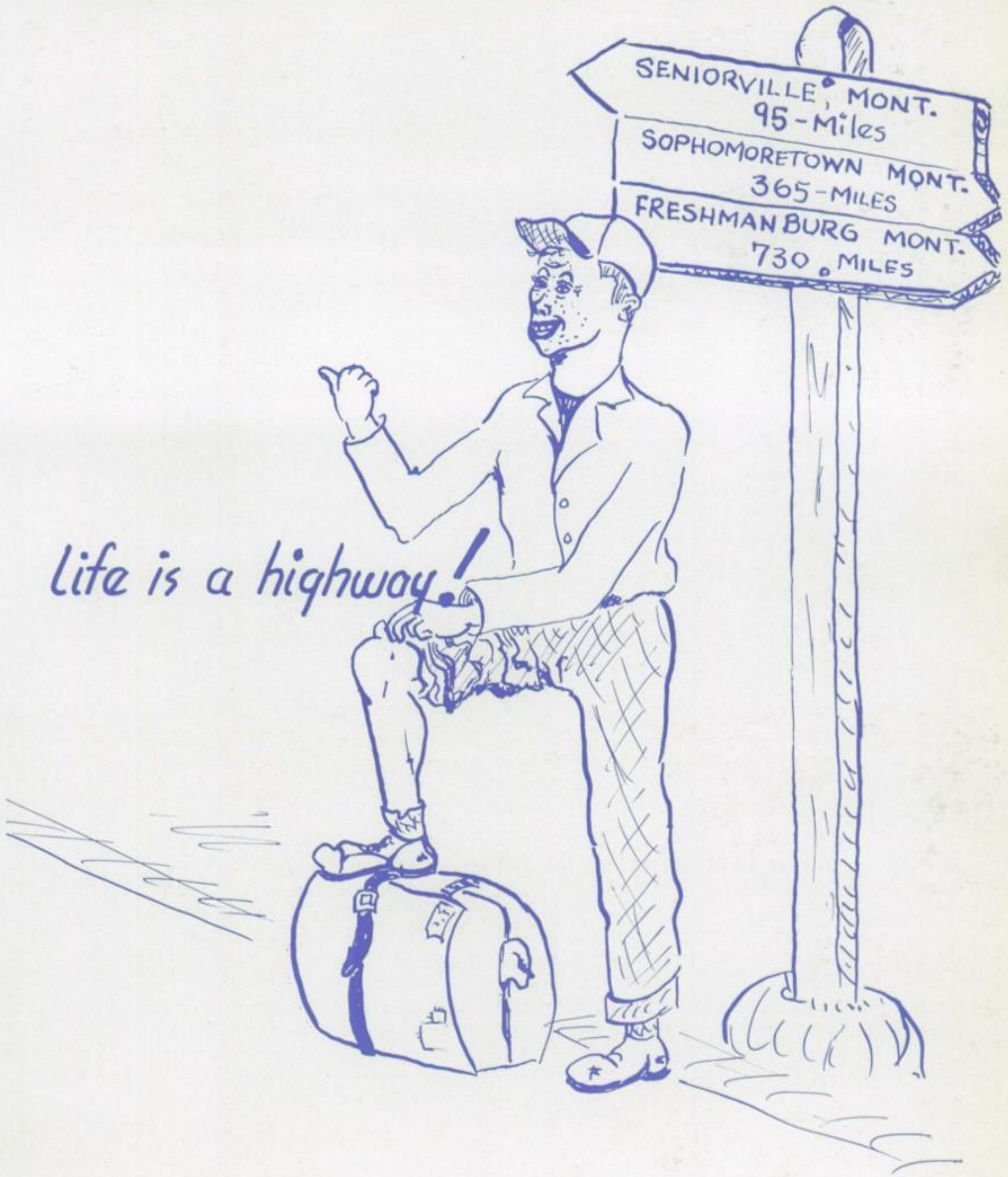
Front, left to right: Dick Haines, Jerry Haslip, Dave Burgan; back: Bill Gilbert, Tom DeYoung.

Girls' State

Good citizenship and the way of our government is taught at Rocky Mountain College in Billings to girls selected from all over the state of Montana. Each spring the faculty nominates several girls from which four are elected by the junior girls, two to attend and two as alternates. They are sponsored by civic organizations and are sent in the middle of June.

Left to right: Joyce Shope, Gretchen Huber, Pauline Bushnell, Claudia Hardy.

JUNIORS



Life is a highway!

Junior Class Officers

Front, left to right: Jim Kelly, vice president; Gary Fellbaum, president; back: Joan Barker, treasurer; Bobbie Mihelich, secretary; Donna Gregor, representative.

Active in many clubs and organizations, the class of '55 is ready to assume the reins of leadership of the school. They were led by Ed Cameron, Gary Fellbaum, Bev Berg, Jeannette Wertz and Ginny Johnson as "green" freshmen. Jeff Condon, Helen Morrison, Jo Watts, Bonnie Norling and Norm Gray led them to a successful, cleverly decorated sophomore dance. "South Pacific" was the theme of their successful Prom which was set beautifully in the South Sea islands. They are sponsored by Miss Ramey, Mrs. Williams and Mr. Fiske.

Juniors

Raedyn Anderson
Shari Anderson
Betty Babcock
Joyce Babcock
Virginia Bacon

Janet Bader
Jim Baker
George Baldwin
Joan Barker
Harry Barnett

Joyce Beaver
Beverly Berg
Leon Billings
Joe Blazina
Larry Borsberry

Darlene Breckon
Jim Breslin
Kathleen Bronson
Bill Brown
Betty Burrell

Ardiss Butler
Ed Cameron
Allan Carlson
Jim Carpenter
Bruce Casebolt

Alice Chaney
Donna Clausen
Prudy Clemo
Jo Anne Cochran
Marian Collishaw

Jeff Condon
Bill Copenhaver
Ed Cottrill
Sonia Cronin
Dave Dale

Dave Dandro
Donna Darfler
Fredella Day
Carol DeBree
Art Donovan

Juniors

Donna Downs
Howard Dunn
Earl Duval
Jack Dwyer
Gerald Early

Catherine Edwards
Frank Ensign
Benda Evans
Gary Fellbaum
Connie Fisher

Margery Fleisner
Carole Flotlin
Kathryn Fox
Margaret Frank
Lanny Fred

Donna Fuller
James Gibson
Norma Grandy
Norman Gray
Donna Gregor

Lorna Haley
Ruth Hall
Grace Hamlin
Ed Hartman
Connie Haynes

Don Hoffman
Pat Hopkins
Donald Humphrey
Frank Innocci
Mary Ellen Iverson

Charles Johnson
Eleanor Johnson
La Vay Johnson
Virginia Johnson
Janet Jones

Marlene Jones
Gary Knight
Thomas Kockler
Ernest Kradolfer
Tom Landry

Juniors

Marlene Larock
Dianne Liedle
Kenneth Lynn
Annetta Maddux
Kaye Martin

Renne McCarty
Heather McLeod
Anne McMenamin
Roberta Mehelich
Marguerite Miller

Phil Mills
Clinton Moga
Frank Montibeller
Phil Mooney
Anne Morrison

Helen Morrison
Art Neill
Richard Nelson
Bonnie Norling
Mike O'Connell

Laura Olson
Margaret Osborne
Enid Overturf
Charles Padbury
Irma Paubandt

Carol Personette
Michael Price
Janet Real
Gerry Reardon
Gary Rekstad

Lee Reynolds
Marion Riegel
Arlee Roberts
Donna Robertson
Mitzi Rodocay

Pat Rogan
Chuck Rude
Gary Schmidt
Jim Schneider
Leon Schneider

Juniors

Sandra Schofield
Russell Scow
Donna Severtson
Billie Jean Sloan
Jerry Small

Jim Smart
Lorraine Smith
Dick Soll
Carole Steck
Alan Stewart

Pat Stewart
Frances Stockdale
Sheldon Stoner
Delores Sturn
Irene Sturn

Annette Taylor
Mary Lou Tillo
Lorraine Tintinger
Peggy Toman
Pat Trainer

Roger Tucker
Jo Ann Turner
Gregory Van Voast
John Weiser
Carolyn Wells

Jeannette Wertz
Myrna Winkler
Wanda Wokasch
Diana Wooten
Gerald Zachary

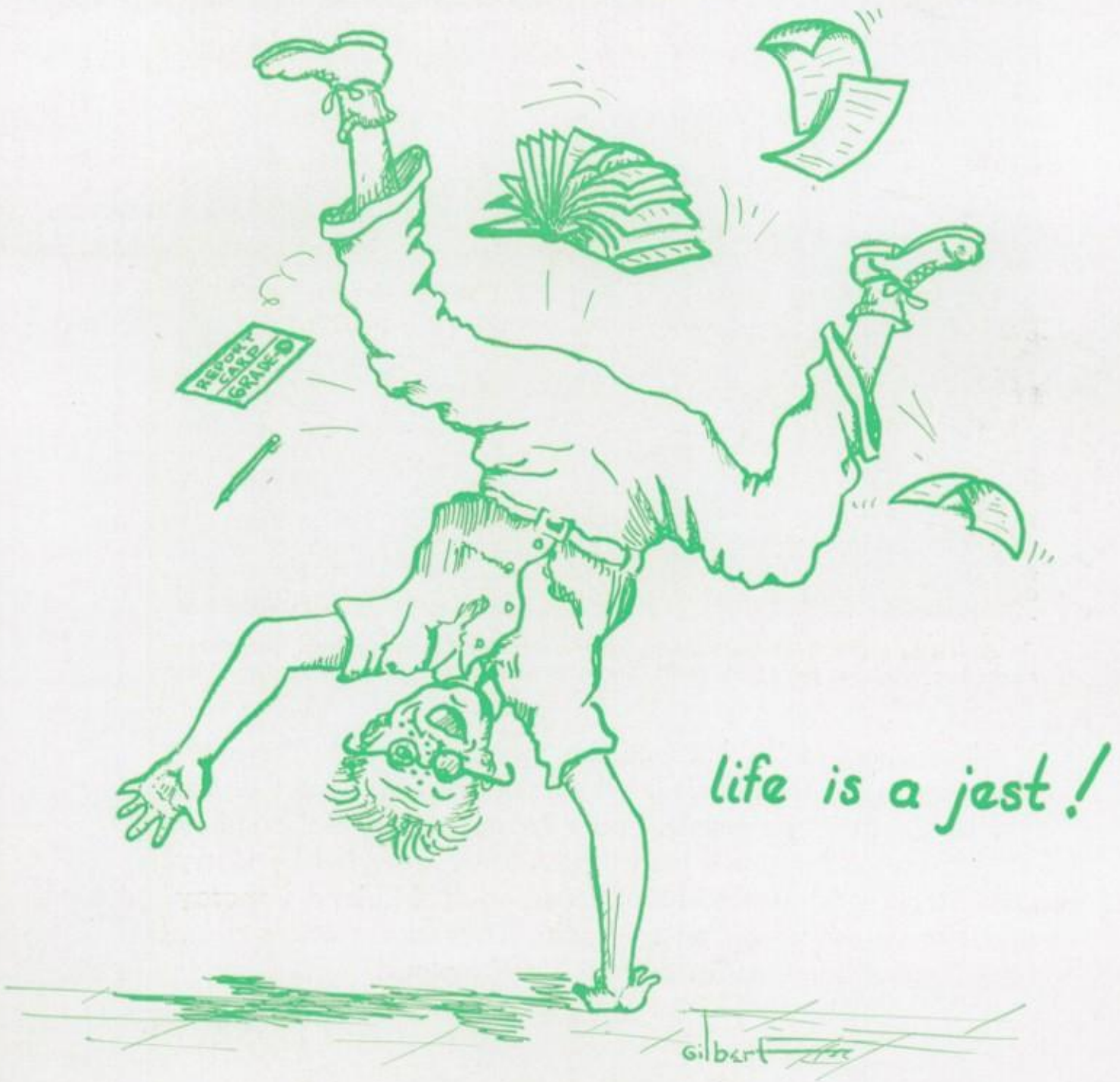
Lorna Wittmere

Juniors seek advice about their future careers.

Hi Bob,
Best of luck to a swell guy. Be good this summer & I'll see ya next year.

As ever,
Mimi Butterfield

SOPHOMORES



Sophomore Class Officers

Front, left to right: Toni Gelhausen, representative; Linda Carlson, secretary; back: Jerry Nelson, president; Neill Curtis, treasurer; Bob Rudio, vice president.

The class of '56 got into the swing of things this year. "Welcome Freshmen" was the theme of their sophomore dance and all the frosh got in free. Under President Jerry Nelson, they got the ball rolling for a teen center. They were led by Gerry Day, Roberta MacLean, Mimi Buterbaugh, Marlene Sangray and Connie Anderson as freshmen. They are sponsored by Miss Greene, Mrs. McCarthy and Mr. Cappious.

Sophomores

Alberta Albright
Judy Allen
Connie Anderson
Janet Anderson
Darlene Armstrong

Emily Bach
Gary Bacon
Forrest Baertsch
Bonnie Bailey
Rose Marie Bailey

Tony Barbour
Sara Bassett
William Bausch
Bob Bayles
De Ann Beauchamp

Nancy Beaver
Gale Beedle
John Bennitt
Roberta Blakely
Gary Blewett

Joanne Blixt
Lyle Bompart
Robert Bouley
Robert Braun
Mary Brilakis

Bill Brinck
Bob Brooks
Edith Brown
James Brown
Nona Brown

Verna Brown
Judy Browning
Barbara Burr
Mimi Buterbaugh
Bob Carbis

John Carlson
Linda Carlson
Myron Carroll
Harry Child
Paul Collins

Sophomores

Norma Conner
Helen Copenhaver
Carol Cowger
Marian Cramer
Marcia Crawford

Rose Crouch
Carol Cummings
Neil Curtis
Frank Dalhausen
Gerry Day

Wayne Delude
Agnes Duke
Dorothy Duke
Lyle Dunlop
Shirley Dwyer

Jerry Eaton
Katy Erickson
Carol Finley
Phyllis Fiske
Kay Fitzpatrick

Judy Forde
Kenneth Freseman
Marlyn Fuller
Donald Gage
Toni Gelhausen

Blanche Grieve
Michael Griffith
Sabra Guthrie
Jean Hallberg
Donna Halverson

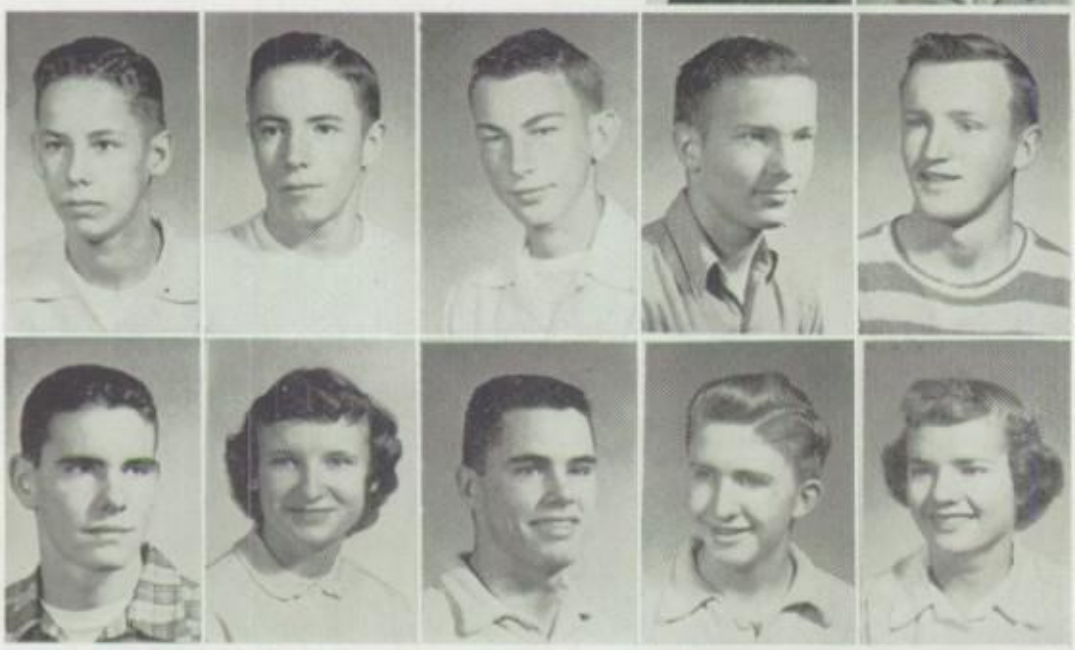
Ed Hamlin
Rosalie Hamm
Deloris Hargrove
Julie Harris
Alice Henry

Donna Henry
Wanda Hibarger
James Hill
Larry Hillebrecht
Dixie Hofland

Sophomores

Donna Hollenback
June Howard
Louise Innocci
Leslie Jackson
Ronald Jacobson

Eli Johnson
Larry Johnson
Donald Jones
Ardeth Keller
Harold Kelsh



Lee Kenny
Tom Kindrick
Jim Kington
Al Kirn
Bob Kirn

Otto Klein
Gwen Klickman
Dave Kneedler
Ed Knox
Geraldine Kokoruda

Bill Korizek
Margaret Kramer
Jim Krieger
Bill Kuehn
Madeline Lea

Lorraine Lehfeldt
Roger Leibrand
Bob Logan
Dianne Luchetti
Gayle Lundgren

Kenneth Luntsford
Jean Manly
Yvonne Martin
Irene McCoy
Joan McGuin

Murray McNeil
Aurora Mendez
Ronald Miller
Juanita Moore
Bill Morton

Sophomores

Dale Mullen
Beatrice Myles
Charles Myrick
Jerry Nelson
Carol Nachtsheim

Carol Norseth
Jean O'Leary
Bob Ogren
David Petek
Bob Peterson

Glenn Porter
Roger Porter
Joe Rankin
Clarice Raymond
Jo Ann Risan

Bob Roberts
Jim Roberts
Pat Roberts
Barbara Robinson
Gerry Robinson

Frances Romberg
Lynn Rossiter
Beverly Routzahn
Bob Rudio
Bob Russ

Jean Saari
Joan Saari
Millicent Sadler
Adona Samuels
Doris Schimpf

Marlene Sangray
Maribeth Schmitz
Barbara Schopfer
Barbara Sherman
Jane Shope

Carol Sinclair
Sharon Skor
Mike Small
Elvin Smith
Jackie Smith

Sophomores

Lorna Smith
Deanna Southwick
Sheri Sowles
Mae Spurrier
Lloyd Stagg

Florence Stansel
Jere Sullivan
Rosalie Swanson
Ernie Swartz
Gary Thronson

Junie Tipton
Bob Todd
Jim Tompkins
Tommy Trainer
Colleen Trinder

Virginia Van Drunen
Wayne Van Voast
Bill Vollmer
Ann Wells
Granger Whitney

Joan Widdison
Dick Williams
Jim Wilson
Karen Wilson
Linda Wohl

Shirley Wolfe
Carol Wood
Annette Zuelke
Tom Duffy
Jane Glasby

Custodians Swain and Bailly

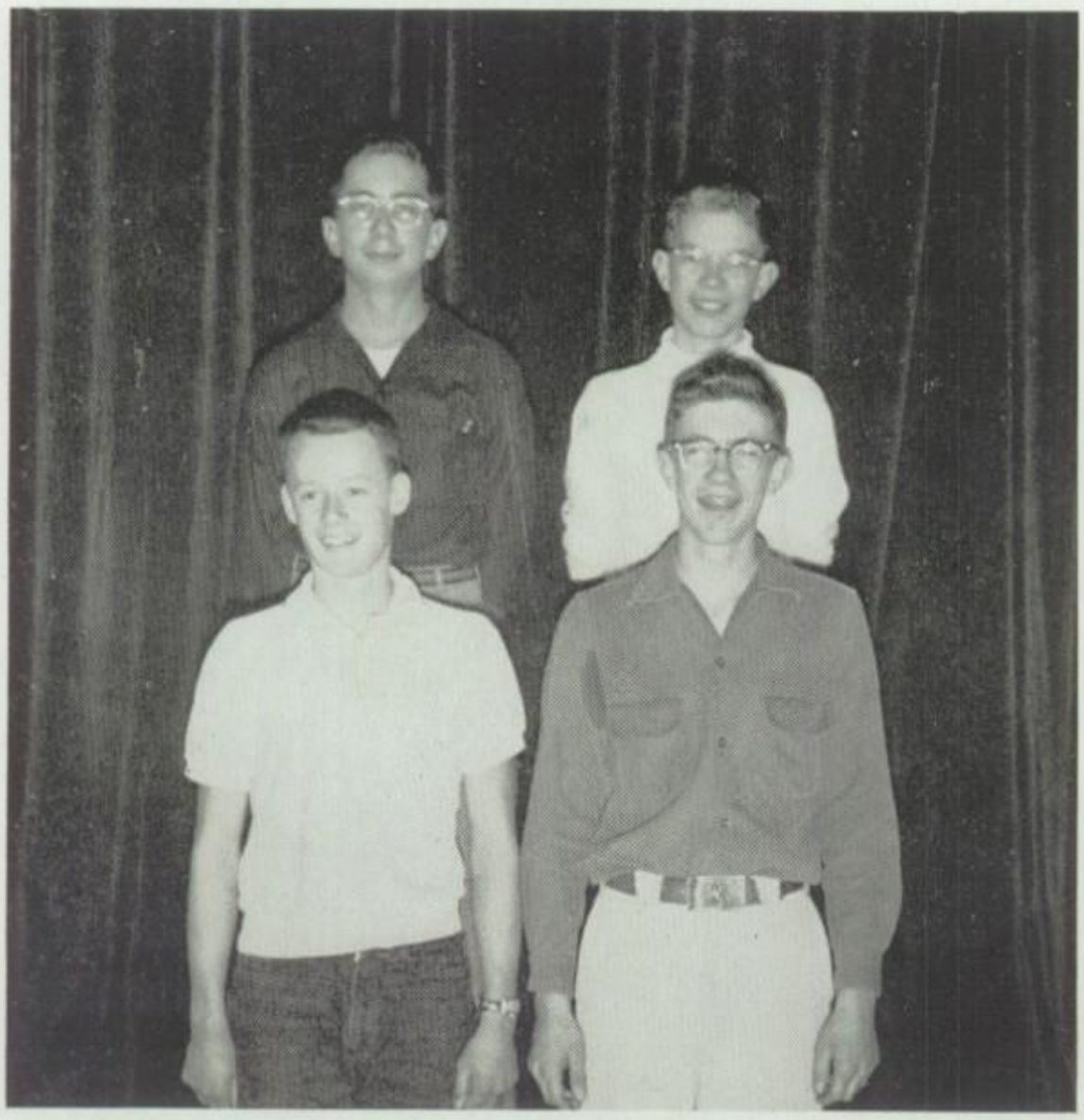
Busy Sophomores

1. Just hangin' around.
2. 4-H Clubbers in Bozeman.
3. Huh!
4. Student body officers.
5. Jo Anne, Bonnie, Patty and Joan.
6. Dig that Roman!
7. Little Billy, a champ even then.
8. Pals?
9. They were't always seniors.
10. Frankenstein? No, Hames!

FRESHMEN

life is like a scrambled egg!

Freshman Class Officers



Front, left to right: Jae Retz, secretary-treasurer; Alan Stratton, president; back: Robert Cooney, vice president; Eldon Pickering, representative.

This "green" class of hard working frosh entered Helena High with over 250 members. They soon became acquainted with the ways of HHS and have become prominent members of the school. In the fall they put on a freshman party for their class, which is sponsored by Miss Giese, Miss Morse and Mr. Sprinkle.

Freshmen

Alvin Aavedal
Jim Adair
Janet Adams
Gay Anders
Dick Anderson

Connie Andreasen
Ronnie Andridge
Carol Anthony
Fred Bader
Carolyn Baertsch

Kaye Bailey
Bonnie Baker
Fred Bakke
Darlene Ballard
Rosalie Ballard

Phil Barbour
Jack Barnes
George Bassett
Pat Bauer
Shirley Beaver

Betty Best
Bill Betzner
Dan Bieri
Joe Blackmer
Don Blixt

Art Bourquin
Charles Bozdog
Barbara Backeberg
Tom Brackman
Barbara Brandt

Clayton Sparrow
Lorraine Brown
Bob Bryant
Bob Budke
Sandra Byrne

Pete Carkulis
Penny Carson
Jeanette Carver
Bob Cashmore
Susan Castles

Freshmen

Jean Chivers
Pat Christiansen
Bob Churchwell
Gloria Clark
Theodore Clearman

Gary Cloninger
John Cloud
Joan Coleman
Barbara Condon
Robert Cooney

Terry Copenhaver
James Cottrill
Lorraine Couey
Clifford Cox
Donna Creer

Franklin Culver
Sharon Cummings
David Cunningham
Darrell Curren
Ronald Dalley

Terry Dagenais
Ronald Davidson
Helen Day
Shirley Dearing
Robert DeGooyer

Neal DeLude
Charles Dickert
Joyce Dickert
Lola Domer
Joyce Dudley

Jerry Dunlop
Pauline Early
James Easbey
John Fleming
Molly Fleming

Marlene Foley
Eleanor Foster
Keith Foster
Sharon Fulbright
Eugene Gage

Freshmen

Charles Gier
Barbara Gloege
Willie Gough
Gertrude Grosfield
Lynn Halverson

Virginia Hand
Shirley Harvey
Edward Hazen
Robert Heath
Jeanice Helland

Clifford Hiatt
Georgia Hoffman
Patsy Holsclaw
Delores Hubert
Lynne Hull

Nancy Hunt
Peggy Horne
Jerry Horne
Dorothy Isham
Marian James

Dorothy Jones
Pat Jones
Sheila Kennan
Korene Kennaugh
Judy King

George Knop
Gene Kockler
John Kuenning
Joan LaFromboise
David Lake

Richard Larock
Charles Lawrence
John Lee
Robert Lemire
Delores Linebarger

Charles Lippert
Bill Long
John Lyndes
Vincent Maddio
Bill Madison

Freshmen

Dwayne Manson
Pat Marlow
Charlotte Mason
Margaret Ann Mason
John Matthews

Jerome Mattice
Harold Mattocks
Charles McLane
Robert McMillan
Helen Meyer

Carolyn Miller
Norma Miller
Roberta Miller
Wayne Milot
Rosemarie Mischel

Jane Mitchke
Frank Miracle
Janice Moe
Robert Moe
Connie Morse

Virginia Mougeot
Kenneth Neill
Madeline Nettleton
Suzanne Nelson
Nancy Nelson

Virga Noland
June Nordahl
Thelma Norseth
William Novak
Bob Ohnstad

Jeannette O'Leary
Robert Oleson
Eleanore Paubandt
Marion Pavlinick
Ray Pence

Carol Peterson
George Peterson
Eldon Pickering
Ralph Pohto
Terry Potter

Freshmen

Sondra Price
Billy Radke
Donna Ramsey
Jae Retz
Judy Retz

Joan Reynolds
Duane Rhinehart
Sharon Ricker
Laverne Roberts
Sandra Rogers

Pat Roman
Larry Roy
Jay Rummel
Robert Samson
Alex Sandru

Verna Scow
Jon Schwefel
Terry Screnar
Gary Sewell
Fern Siewert

JoAnn Sloan
Dave Smith
Harvey Smith
Doug Sowles
Roc Brierly

Lynn Stagg
Evelyn Stanghill
Les Stewart
Alan Stratton
John Stuart

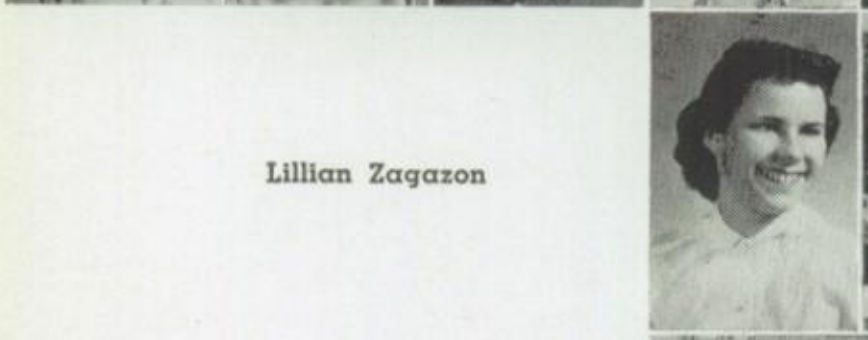
Michael Susag
Darlene Tichenor
Ray Traynor
Roger Tucker
Clifford Van Engen

Norman Warren
Michael Webber
Sharon Weed
Kathleen Weiss
Jane Wendel

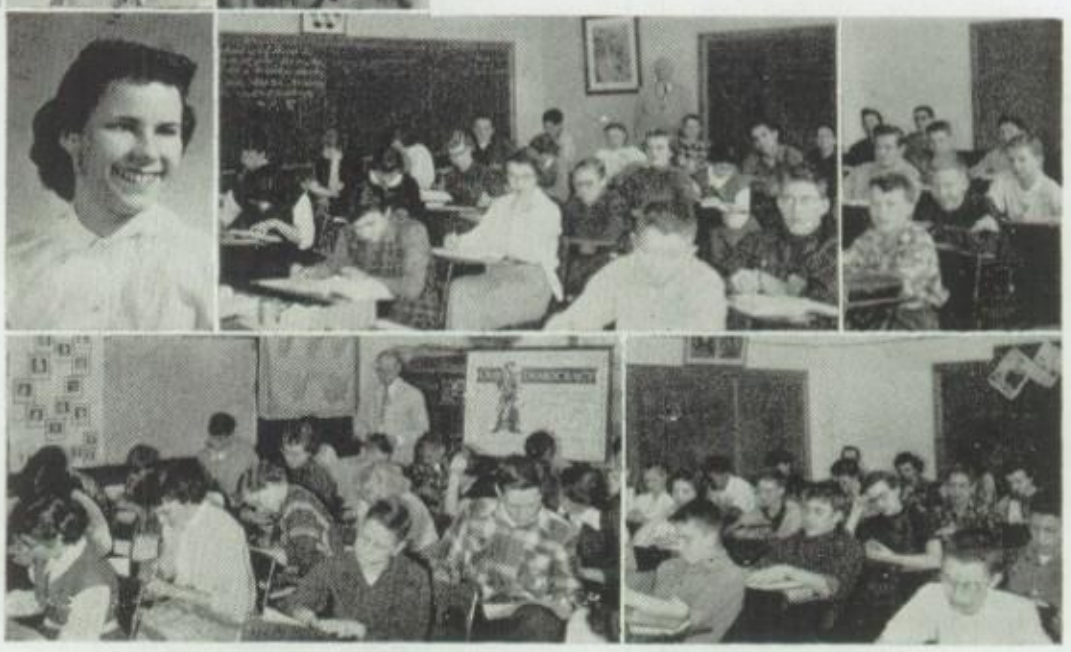
Freshmen

Jim White
Ann Williams
Bob Williams
Jerry Williams
Jim Williams

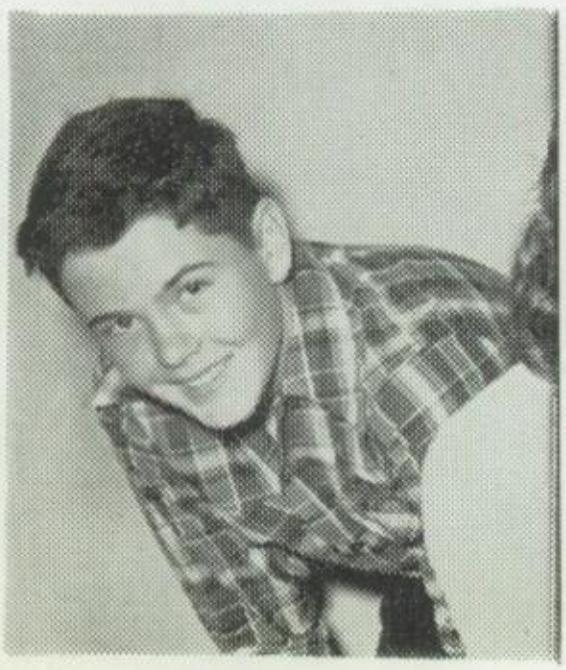
Liane Wills
Marlene Wills
Dick Wing
Lawrence Wolfe
Robert Wright



Lillian Zagazon



Freshman classes
hard at work!



In Memoriam

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FRANK MIRACLE

1939-1954

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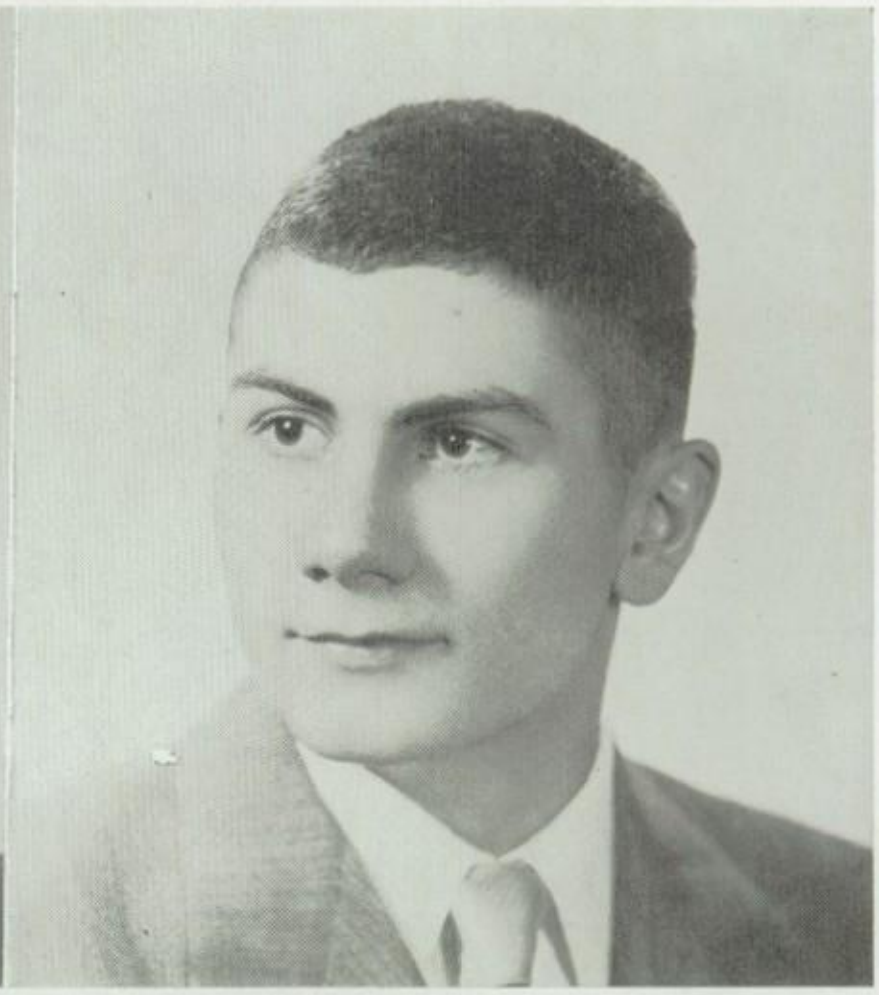
Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me though he were dead yet shall he live."

ACTIVITIES

life is a playground!

Student Body Officers

ERIC LINDSTROM—President



RAND SANGRAY—Vice President

Perhaps the highest honor a student body can bestow upon any group of individuals is to elect them their student body officers, for into their hands is entrusted the governing of the student body.

PAULINE BUSHNELL—Secretary

MILDRED MERGENTHALER—Treasurer

Student Council

Representatives from each class make up this group. They meet bi-weekly and discuss the problems and affairs of the school. Ideas for improving the school and the activities are brought in by the representatives from their home rooms. These are brought up and discussed and if necessary committees are appointed to further the ideas and if possible carry out the plan. Mr. Peek represents the faculty at these meetings.

1st row (left to right): Toni Gelhausen, Tom DeYoung, Mickey Mergenthaler, Eric Lindstrom, Pauline Bushnell, Rand Sangray, Donna Gregor, Eldon Pickering; 2nd row: Marlene Foley, Enid Overturf. Rony Goldberg, Jim Schneider. Jeff Condon. Charles Padbury, Wayne Van Voast, Tony Barbour, Ken Neill, Carolyn Wells, Mary Jean Martin; 3rd row: David Morgan, Ben Notti, Pat Stewart, Marian Manly, Clayton Sparrow, Dick Anderson, Jane Glasby, Beverly Routzahn, Jo Ann Cochran, Marilyn Wilson, Judy Browning, Judy Ford, Jeannice Helland.

1st row (left to right): Sabra Guthrie, Toni Gelhausen, Roc Brierly, Rand Sangray, Eric Lindstrom, Tom DeYoung, Pauline Bushnell, Florence Stansell; 2nd row: Pete Carkulis, John Lyndes, Alex Sandru, Ed Cameron, Jeff Condon, Jack Howard, Neill Curtis, Tom McHugh, John Bennitt; 3rd row: Shirley Dwyer, Joan Anders, Sara Bassett, Marsha Crawford, Mike O'Connell, Merlyn Butler, Granger Whitney, Jean Manly, Joan Barker, Janet Jones, Linda Carlson.

Executive Board

A branch of th Student Council, the Executive Board is kept busy preparing the school calendar, working out class problems and regulating club meetings and social events. The board consists of one representative from each class together with the student body officers. Mr. Peek sponsors the group.

1st row, left to right: Mickey Mergenthaler, Rand Sangray, Pauline Bushnell, Eric Lindstrom; 2nd row: Toni Gelhausen, Tom DeYoung, Donna Gregor, Eldon Pickering.

DECA

Only one year old in Helena High School, DECA is one of the most active organizations in the school. Sponsored by Mr. Robinson, it is made up of the students who are in the co-operative part time program. Sponsored a fine Hi-Jinks dance in January and were hosts to the state DECA convention held in April. Gary Manson, local president, served as state president this year. The club also sent several delegates to the national convention in San Antonio.

Left to right: Jo Anne Howard, Connie Haynes, Judy Halverson, Marlene LaRock, Sonny Easbey, Dot Truswell, Gary Manson, Donna Peura, Arlene Rodocay, Ben Lamb, Darlene Liable, Marilyn Wilson, Steve Ward, Marva Ziesman, Harry Barnett, Eleanor Muruski, Mary Roman, Delores Woods, Sheila Andre, Janice Lipes, Don Fournier, Pat Trainer, Beverly Northam, Sally Rogers, Cincoona Siewert, Nettie Poe.

National Honor Society

Scholarship, leadership, character, and service are the qualities necessary to be eligible for National Honor Society. Each spring five per cent of the junior class are voted upon by the faculty. The following fall ten per cent of the same class are elected. The organization's only way to make money for pins and certificates is the annual publication of "Pannings". The society is sponsored by Miss Kirkpatrick.

1st row: Bruce Swanson, Eric Lindstrom, Dave Burgan, Marian Manly, Michael Billings, Charles Bentz, Richard Bennett; 2nd row: Diann Cleveland, Barbara Everett, Mildred Mergenthaler, Margaret Brake, Thomas DeYoung, Marian Lanning, Sheila Andre, Pauline Bushnell; 3rd row: Cassie Welch, Nancy Lichtwardt, Gretchen Huber, Juanita French, Trecia Smith, Gail Milch. Not pictured: Bill Gilbert, Carol McDonald.

3-7-77's

Organized to serve the high school, the 3-7-77's sell tickets and refreshments at the basketball games. They usher at many other school functions including football games and plays. Every year the group buys something for school use. A membership of 21 is always maintained and they are sponsored by Mr. Leger and Mr. Cappious.

1st row: Francis Stockdale, Marian Manly, Joyce Shope, Sara Kretzer, Fremont Easbey, Cassie Welch, Mildred Mergenthaler, Virginia Johnson, Janet Jones; 2nd row: Gretchen Huber, Chuck Johnson, Rand Sangray, Norman Gray, Jerry Haslip, Lanny Kenney, Gary Schmidt, Jeff Condon, Bill Gilbert, Pauline Bushnell; 3rd row: Eric Lindstrom, Dick Bennitt.

Boys' H-Club

This is the lettermen's organization. These boys have earned their H's by participating effectively in either football, basketball, track or as managers. They hold up the honor of the school in sports. Their social activities include sponsoring, with the Girls' H-Club, the annual H-Club banquet and dance. Mr. Skor is the sponsor.

1st row (left to right): Russ Sheriff, Don Smidt, Jerry Anders, Jack Howard, Bill Gilbert, Dan Prentice, Dan Hames, Tom McHugh, Tim Conner; 2nd row: Chuck Bentz, Wayne Gibson, George Nachtsheim, Bob Finley, Bob Clark, Al Stewart, Norman Gray, Ken Bailey, Rand Sangray, Eric Lindstrom; 3rd row: Jerry Foster, Lee O'Leary, Gary Fellbaum, Boyd Burner, Bruce Casebolt, Ed Cottrill, Frank Ensign, Jim Poore, Gary Schmidt, Buzz Brandt; 4th row: Jim Hunt, Dick House, Bill Roberts, Art Donovan, Frank Montibeller, Jerry Haslip, Jim Kelly, Dave Burgan, Gary Bacon.

Girls' H-Club

It just takes a good sportswoman and 150 GAA points to become a member of Girls' H-Club. The organization helps the H-Club sponsor the H-Club banquet and dance. Each spring and late fall girls are voted into the club by members. The group is sponsored by Miss Handford.

1st row: Patricia Stewart, Beverly Mitchke, Claudia Hardy, Joy Clausen, Dorothy Truswell, Constance Cannon, Sheila Andre; 2nd row: Fredella Day, Mildred Mergenthaler, Pauline Bushnell, Jeannie Jo Duncan, Charlene Kruse, Sarah Kain, Judith Gleason, Marlene Mercer, Marian Manly, Virginia Hambidge, Judith Halverson, Shirley Davis, Nancy Shelton; 3rd row: Cassie Welch, Barbara Saunders, Shirley Cartwright, Nancy Lichtwardt, Donna Brown, Gwen DeBar, Bonnie Johnson, Bette Kneedler, Gretchen Huber, Joyce Shope, Betty Stickney, Joyce Jensen.

Junior-Senior GAA

Row 1: Sheila Andre, Cassie Welch, Judy Halverson, Dot Sass, Pauline Bushnell, Peggy Bevans, Nancy Shelton, Charlene Kruse, Marlene Mercer, Joyce Jensen, Claudia Hardy, Diann Cleveland, Barbara Everett, Betty Stickney, Sandra Stadheim; row 2: Dot Truswell, Joyce Shope, Marian Manly, Mickey Mergenthaler, Nancy Lichtwardt, Josephine Watts, Kaye Martin, Frances Stockdale, Jo Ann Cochran, Lee Retz, Mary Ellen Iverson, Arlee Roberts, Ann McMenamin, Connie Haynes, Carole Steck, Peggy Toman; row 3: Sally Rogers, Myrna Kruse, Margaret Osborne, Billie Jean Sloan, Alice Chaney, Katie Edwards, Donna Clausen, Heather McLeod, Mitzi Rodocay, Gracie Hamlin, Shari Anderson, Sid O'Malley, Jeannette Wertz, Prudy Clemo, Ginny Johnson, Joyce Babcock; row 4: Donna Eggan, Connie Jones, Peggy Barnes, Jo Ann Barnes, Kathleen Bronson, Lorraine Smith, Kitty Fox, Anne Morrison, Gena Clark, Carol Flotlin, Bev Berg, Enid Overturf, Ginger Bacon, Dee Breckon, Helen Morrison; row 5: Trecia Smith, Marion Lanning, Betty Lou Babcock, Annetta Maddux, Marlene Jones, Gwen DeBar, Sue Campbell, Caroly Staniger, Bonnie Johnson, Barbara Saunders, Shirley Cartwright, Donna Brown, Elizabeth Fahrner, Jan Buterbaugh, Jeannie Duncan; row 6: Miss Handford, Bonnie Pederson, Gail Palmer, Donna Darfler, Shirley Davis, Beverly Mitchke, Gretchen Huber, Bette Kneedler, Sarah Cashmore, Virginia Hambidge, Fredella Day, Eleanor Johnson, Donna Gregor, Carolyn Wells, Sarah Kain, Connie Cannon.

GAA gives girls an opportunity to belong to Girls' H-Club. It promotes good sportsmanship and a knowledge of sports through participation in the various games, including volleyball, basketball and softball. Sponsored by Miss Handford, GAA meets Tuesday nights for juniors and seniors and Thursday afternoons for freshmen and sophomores.

Freshman-Sophomore GAA

Forensic League

The speakers and debaters of the school make up this group with Miss Marjerrison as sponsor. Any student interested in speech may become a member of this organization. They participate in the local, district and state tournaments, and in the American Legion original oratory contest, Knights of Pythias contest and the Junior Chamber of Commerce contest.

1st row (left to right): Judy Retz, Barbara Gloege, Judy Gleason, Eddie Knox, Janet Dobler, Gerry Day, Jean Yaeger; 2nd row: Eldon Pickering, Dick Anderson, Linda Wohl, Katie Erickson, Roger Liebrand, Butch Bjoin.

Thespians

The Helena High School Thespians are an active group interested in play production, acting and staging techniques. They put on all the dramatic productions of the school. They number over 120 which is the biggest single club in the United States. This year they were hosts to the state convention.

1st row (left to right): Ruth Ann Harrer, Sara Kretzer; 2nd row: Jolene Morley, Lester Liedle, Don Hoffman, Dick Bisson, John Wright, Tim Conner, Conrad Smith, Art Donovan, Trecia Smith; 3rd row: Joyce Jensen, Connie Cannon, Gwen DeBar, Shirley Cartwright, Bonnie Johnson, Marian Manly, Sheila Andre, Mickey Mergenthaler, Gail Palmer, Donna Peura, Bonnie Pederson.

Latin Club

It is necessary to maintain a straight "A" average the last semester of the first year of Latin or a "B" average the second year to become a member of Latin Club. The club holds a business meeting once a month, at which plays, games and riddles pertaining to Latin are presented. Latin Club is sponsored by Miss Greene.

First row (left to right): Annette Taylor, Ardeth Keller, Margaret Brake, Georgia Maroney, Mary Jean Martin, Nancy Lichtwardt, Sharon Anderson, Kathleen Bronson, Annette Zuelke, Second row: Eric Lindstrom, Tom O'Connell, Leon Billings, Michael Price, Tom DeYoung, Mike Billings, Charles Myrick, Prudy Clemo. Third row: Judy Browning, Gwen Klickman, Sandra Schofield, Sharon Skor, Gerry Day, Alice Henry, Eleanor Johnson, Bev Mitchke, Virginia Johnson, Yvonne DeRosier, Kathryn Fox, Bonnie Norling, Frances Stockdale.

Spanish Club

It is a Spanish organization with the purpose of building a friendly relationship among the Americas. Any student having had one year of Spanish is eligible to attain membership. The club holds its meetings once a month and is sponsored by Mr. Stafford.

First row (left to right): Ed Knox, Janet Jones, Catherine Edwards, Sabra Guthrie, Julie Harris, Bob Logan. Second row: Glen Porter, Lorraine Lehfeldt, Barbara Burr, Jean Yaeger, Dick Wilson, Bob Peterson.

Photo Club

Any student interested in photography may become a member of Photo Club. The club works to give its members a greater appreciation of the art of picture taking and developing. Every phase of photography is studied and taught at the meetings — from taking and developing to tinting the actual picture. Bengal pencils are sold every year by the organization and an annual photography contest is being sponsored by them. Mr. Markin is the sponsor.

1st row (left to right): Eldon Pickering, Myron Carroll, Neil Curtis, Charles Padbury, Ed Knox, Charles Myrick; 2nd row: Rita Beinhorn, Delores Hargrove, Jack Maddio, Bob Logan, Nita Peel, Blanche Grieve, Rose Marie Wallace.

Projectionists

These boys give many hours of their time to show pictures to various classes. They receive a liberal education while presenting films on everything ranging from boxing to dressmaking; they experience travel to such far-away countries as India, Japan, Tibet; they go on voyages, hunting expeditions and shopping excursions; they are valuable to the school. Mr. Markin is sponsor.

1st row (left to right): Ralph Pohto, Jerry Dunlap, Robert McMillan, Roger Liebrand, Don George, Butch Bjoin, Lester Liedle; 2nd row: Wayne DeLude, Bob Lemire, Robert Moe, Bobby Ohnstad, Arnold Schull, Eddie Knox, Robert Bayles, Jerry Mattice, Bill Brinck, Bill Morton, Jim Gibson; 3rd row: Bob Logan, Ernie Kradolfer, Jerry Eaton, Bruce Swanson, Eli Johnson, Benny Lamb, Charles Myrick, Kenneth Lynn, Arthur Bourquin, Franz Ortloff.

Future Homemakers of America

Any girl who is taking homemaking is eligible for membership in F. H. A. The members sell food at all home football games. Business meetings are held twice a month, at which occasional speakers or movies provide the girls with educational entertainment. They are sponsored by Miss Wohlgenant.

Row 1: Donna Sinclair, Bonnie Pederson, Jo Ann Howard, Myrna Kruse, Marion Lanning, June Howard, Donna Darfler, Janet Jones; row 2: Caroline Peterson, Madeline Nettleton, Jean Chivers, Janet Real, Donna Clausen, Sonia Cronin, Marilyn Fuller, Eleanor Johnson, Margaret Mason, Bernita Mason, Marlene Larock, Helen Paubandt, Donna Fuller; row 3: Judy Forde, Lorna Smith, Lorraine Tintinger, Carol Ann MacDonald, Joan Coleman, Blanche Grieve, Carol Finley, Sara Bassett, Marlene Foley, Thelma Norseth, Connie Andreason, Carol Norseth.

Library Staff

These students give up their free periods to do various things from household duties to office work. In other words they keep the library in good running condition for the use of the students. They are directed by Mrs. Howe, the librarian, who is always ready to help find any book you may be in need of.

First row (left to right): Donna Nordahl, Nancy Hunt, Joan Reynolds, Ann Williams, Delores Hubert; second row: Sandra Byrne, Lou Dean Dana, Frank Smigaj, Gary Blewett, Lorraine Smith, Sondra Price.

Office Staff

It takes steady nerves, strong legs and quick thinking to work with the office staff. This task includes collecting slips, answering the telephone, counting absences, running errands, and numerous other jobs. The girls receive two and a half credits per year for working on this staff.

Left to right: Marilyn Fuller, Donna Fuller, Pat Rogan, Lorraine Smith, Shirley Dearing, Nell Clausen, Myrna Winkler, Gerry Kokoruda, Nan Starz, Mae Spurrier.

Cafeteria Staff

Students must eat and the cafeteria staff makes it possible for them when they are unable to reach their homes at noon. Miss Fisher is the cook and these students are her assistants. They leave their classes ten minutes early in order to get the lunch all ready. Lunch is prepared every full school day.

First row (left to right): Ethel Anderson, Diana Backeberg, Marv Whyte, Carol Wood, Rosalie Hamm; second row: Miss Fisher, Carol MacDonald, Marilyn Fuller, Donna Severtson, Roberta Moe.

Drivers' Training

Left to right: Peggy Toman, Shirley Spurzem, Blanche Grieve, Mary Brilakis, Betty Burrell, Raedyn Anderson, Charles Myrick, June Howard, Mary Iverson, Barbara Sherman, Laura Olson, Jo Ann Cochran, Alberta Albright, Lorna Smith, Nancy Redpath, Margaret Kramer, Mr. Cappious.

Drivers' Training is a one semester course taught by Mr. Cappious. It promotes safety and careful driving through learning and driving. Once a semester, highway tests are given by Montana highway patrolmen and licenses are awarded those students who pass the test.

Drivers' Training (2nd Semester)

Row 1: Robert Roberts, Gail Milch, Gary Thronson, Marilyn Fuller, Annetta Maddux, Margaret Osborne; row 2: Bonnie Pederson, Judy Retz, Anne McMenamin, Sylvia Williams, Myrna Winkler, Wanda Wokasch, Lenore Spurzem, Norma Grandy.

Vigilante Editor

It took all the fine qualities including the patience that Dave had to edit this year's annual. To keep everything running smoothly and get it all in on time to be printed isn't an easy job. It takes time and hard work to edit an annual and every minute of that time counts. The hard work that has to be done pays off at the end when the new annual is finished and it is a success as it was again this year.

DAVE BURGAN

Vigilante Staff

The Vigilante staff is composed of students ready to work to put out a good yearbook. These students take their time to present lasting memories of classmates, activities, sports, royalty, music and drama of the 1953-54 school year. In addition to this, the staff is working to bring a new feature to the Vigilante—a supplement featuring spring activities not in the yearbook proper. The sponsor is Miss Kirkpatrick.

First row, left to right: Joyce Shope, Trecia Smith, Dave Burgan, Bill Gilbert, Nancy Lichtwardt; second row: Gretchen Huber, Marian Manly, George Nachtsheim, Ed Knox, Shirley Cartwright, Nita Peel.

Business Manager

Ads, ads and more ads are what Jeannie and her crew have been after all year. By giving the businesses of Helena advertising in the annual they in return give the financial help needed in the production of the book. Jeannie did a fine job of managing the business side of the annual getting the ads needed in and dummied in time for publication.

JEANNIE NOEL

Vigilante Ad Staff

The Vigilante ad staff is composed of students who went around town soliciting ads with the thought in mind to get bigger and better ads for the 1953-54 Vigilante. Because the ad staff had such a good town to work in the yearbook expenses will be paid. Sponsor is Miss Kirkpatrick.

1st row (left to right): Nita Peel, Rony Goldberg, Peggy Toman; 2nd row: Harry Barnett, Boyd Burner, Leon Schneider

CASSIE WELCH

Nugget Editor

Cassie Welch has found that it takes work, time and more work to edit the Nugget. Not only does the editor head all operations of the paper, but she must also prepare enough assignments to fill each issue, have a wide knowledge of the various kinds of type, be able to read proof correctly and rapidly, and have the ability to write articles at a minute's notice to fill any empty space. She has maintained the usual high standard for the Nugget.

Nugget Staff

It is the duty of the Nugget staff to get the paper out and on time. Although this is not easy, it is usually accomplished through hard work and strained thinking. Sponsored by Miss Kirkpatrick, the staff has kept the Nugget's value high by filling it with well-written articles and well-taken pictures.

First row (left to right): Gretchen Huber, Ruth Henry, Pauline Bushnell, Cassie Welch, Ginger Bacon, Anne Morrison, Nancy Lichtwardt; second row: Benda Evans, Ginny Hambidge, Betty Kneedler, Liz Fahrner, Marian Manly, Mary Lee Kinsey, Trecia Smith, Rita Beinhorn, Rose Marie Wallace; third row: Joyce Shope, Donna Brown, Harry Barnett, Dave Burgan, Boyd Burner, George Nachtsheim, Tom DeYoung, Nita Peel, Lena Thayer.

Business Manager

Pauline Bushnell knows what the business side of running the Nugget is like. For the past school year she has handled the collection of ads for the Nugget and knows it isn't easy work. The ads must be collected and brought in before the Nugget goes to print. She and her helpers cannot sleep on the job and the job continues as long as the Nugget does.

PAULINE BUSHNELL

Nugget Ad Staff

The Nugget ad staff worked diligently in wind, rain, snow and sleet to make the paper possible. Because of their continual efforts the Nugget was solvent.

Front row, left to right: Juanita Peel, Janet Real, Pauline Bushnell, Peggy Toman, Anne Morrison; back row: Annette Taylor, Harry Barnett, George Nachtsheim, Boyd Burner, Leon Schneider, Benda Evans.

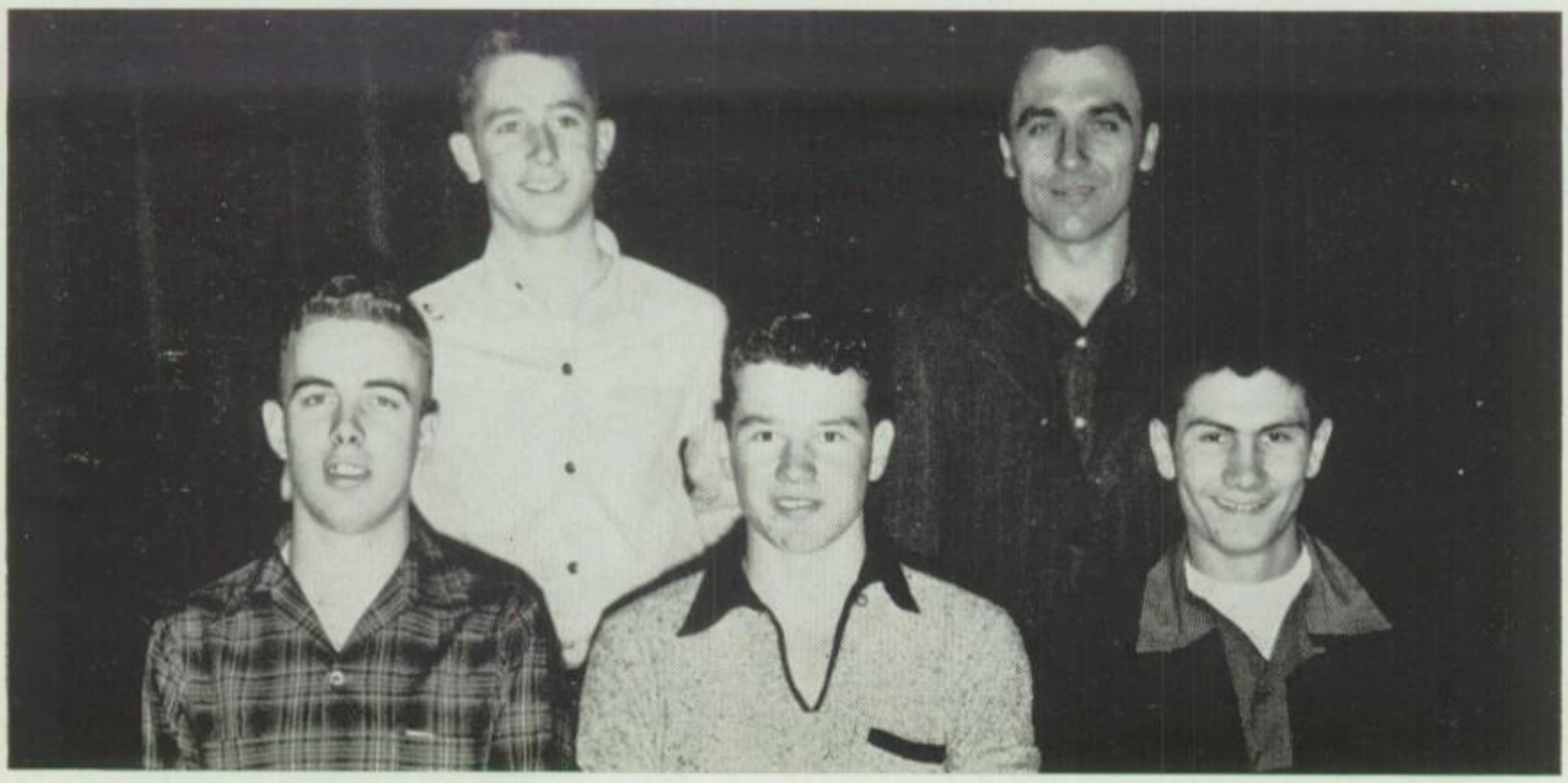
Quill and Scroll

Quill and Scroll is the only international organization for high school students. Juniors and seniors are eligible for membership by writing fifty inches of published material for the Nugget. The purposes of this organization are to develop interest in school publications, to reward worthy journalism students for their work, to provide funds for camera film. The two projects of Quill and Scroll are selling candy three times a week, and selling Bengal stationery. Quill and Scroll is sponsored by Miss Kirkpatrick.

First row (left to right): Joyce DeBree, Rita Beinhorn, Marian Manly, Ginny Hambidge, Pauline Bushnell, Trecia Smith, Cassie Welch; second row: Lena Thayer, Nita Peel, Dave Burgan, Bill Gilbert, George Nachtsheim, Ed Knox, George Baldwin, Nancy Lichtwardt, Jeannie Noel.

T & I Club

The Capital City T. & I. (Trades and Industries) Club was newly organized this year. Any student under twenty-one years of age attending the airport school is eligible for membership in this organization. They sponsor an annual economy run to promote safe driving. Mr. Virostko is their sponsor.



OFFICERS—Front, left to right: Bob Finley, John Synness, Rand Sangray; back row: Jim O'Connor, Mr. Virostko, sponsor.

Airport Classes

AFTERNOON RADIO

Left to right: Bob Kauffman, Lee O'Leary, Mr. Parker, Don Holshue, Ernie Kradolfer, Paul Nonog.

MORNING RADIO

Front: Mr. Parker; back (left to right): Larry Zugel, John Wright, Gary Rekstad, Tom Tompkins, Don Peoples, Jim Grenier, Jim Barker, Bob Lambert, Jack Hargrove, Tom Mills.

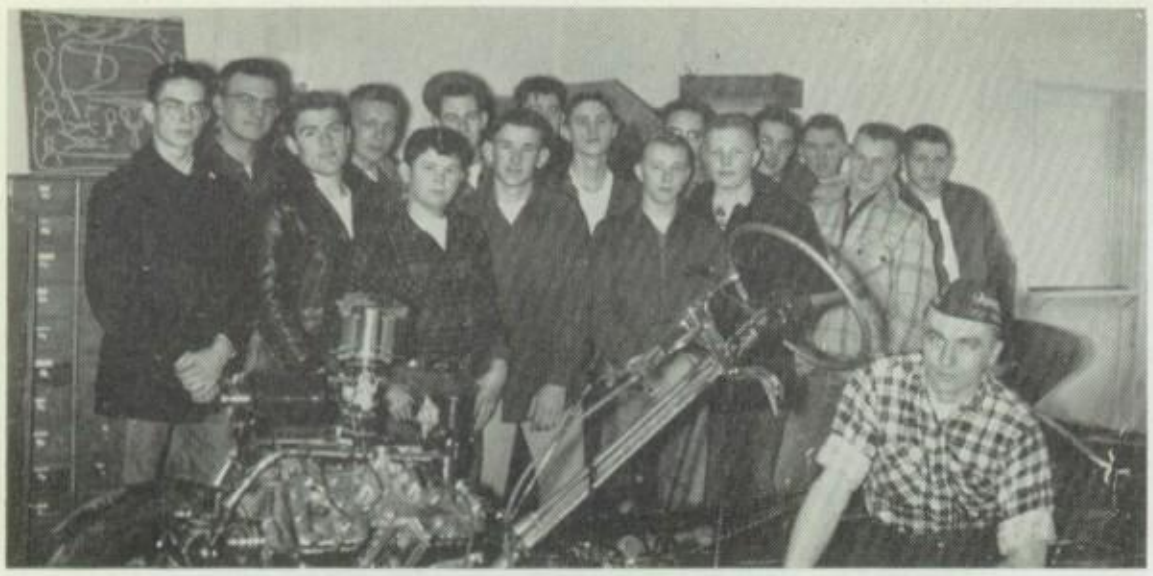
DIESEL ENGINES

First row (left to right): Leo Bailey, Gordon Tichenor, Frank Lang, Mr. Korizek, Gene Smith, Jim Poore, Tom Miskovich; second row: Gale Beedle, Bob Conboy, Wayne Gibson, Bill Hazelhorst, Jerry Kockler; third row: Lee Reynolds, Jack Collings, Clarence Applegate.

WELDING

Front (left to right): Ron Cloninger, Conrad Smith, Jim O'Connor, Bob Tichenor, Ken Williams; back: Chuck Conn, Jack Anderson, Forrest Baertsch, Bill Smith, Harold Grove, Jack Dwyer, Ben Harris, Don Brown, Tom Miskovich, Stan Van Diest, Bill Mattice, Jim Krieger, Chuck Pewitt.

Airport Classes



MORNING AUTO MECHANICS

Front: Mr. Virostko; back (left to right): Bob Bowers, Howard Dunn, Larry Copeland, Don Hanson, Jerry Spurlock, Rony Goldberg, Eddie George, Tom Kockler, Louie Jungers, Sheldon Stoner, Tom Briscoe, Eddie Hartman, Dick Soll, Gary Schmidt, Chad Lutey, Bob Lay.

AFTERNOON AUTO MECHANICS

Front (left to right): Brian McDuffy, Ed Cottrill, Jack Weiser, Bob Bushnell, Fred Sullivan, Mr. Virostko; standing (first row): Tom McHugh, Gerald Zachary, Norm Gray, Ken Diehl, Wayne Robinson, Ray Vonada, Gene Grandy, Richard Malin; standing (second row): Bob Finley, Wesley Wallace, Dave Hartnett, Bob Lea, Dick House, Russ Scow, Greg Van Voast, John Finstead.

AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE

Left to right: Charlie Grantier, Maurice Milligan, Tony Smole, Frank Lang, Larry Miller, Tom Freyler, Gene Mendel, Frank Doerr, Mr. Korizek, Dick Conn, Dan Hames, Rand Sangray.

AIRCRAFT ENGINES

Left to right: Howard Christianson, Arlin Wass, Tom Smiqaj, Warren Dodson, Bill Jones, Bernie Rate, Bob Nelson, Joe Duval, Mr. Anthony.

ROYALTY

life is a fairy tale!

Queen Vigilante . . .

PAULINE BUSHNELL

A blonde, blue-eyed picture of beauty was crowned Queen Vigilante by Student Body President Eric Lindstrom, on October 16, 1953. The Philharmonic choir sang its tribute "All the Things You Are" to the Royalty amid draperies of shimmering satin entwined with shining silver leaves. Escorted to the throne by Manager Dan Hames, she was lovely in a white formal and the traditional crimson robe. Having reigned successfully over many HHS functions, her majesty has proven herself truly a queen.

Princess Vigilante . . .

PATTY HOPKINS

Sweet as she is beautiful, intelligent as she is friendly, is our Princess Vigilante. With Manager Lanny Fred at her side, she was crowned Princess Vigilante by Student Body President Eric Lindstrom. As a junior, she represents the Class of 55's first member of Royalty. The distinctive twinkle in her eye and her perpetual smile make us all proud of our choice for Princess.

Make Believe . . . .

Carol Anthony
Mgr. Chuck Bentz

Barbara Gloege
Mgr. Don Smidt

QUEEN PAULINE

Connie Anderson
Mgr. Dan Prentice

Marlene Sangray
Mgr. Jack Howard

Bonnie Norling
Mgr. Gary Fellbaum

PRINCESS PATTY

Donna Brown
Mgr. Tim Conner

Jeannie Noel
Mgr. Dave Burgan

Coronation Scenes

The Royal Court in Its Highest Glory

Queen and Princess Candidates: Row 1—Connie Anderson, Carol Anthony, Bonnie Norling; row 2—Marlene Sangray, Princess Patty Hopkins, Barbara Gloege; row 3—Donna Brown, Queen Pauline Bushnell, Jeannie Noel.

Candidates and Skits

Top row, left to right:
"Ma and Pa" skit for Freshman Candidate Barbara Gloege.
Butch boosts Bonnie Norling, Princess candidate.
Sweet Marlene and Manager Jack Howard.
Second row, left to right:
Pretty Princess Patty.
Swinging it for Carol Anthony.
Dave Burgan gives sales talk for Queen Candidate Jeannie.
Bottom row
"Higgie" and crew display their more feminine talents.
"Rub-a-dub-dub", McHugh in a tub.
"Living it up" for Queen Candidate Donna Brown.

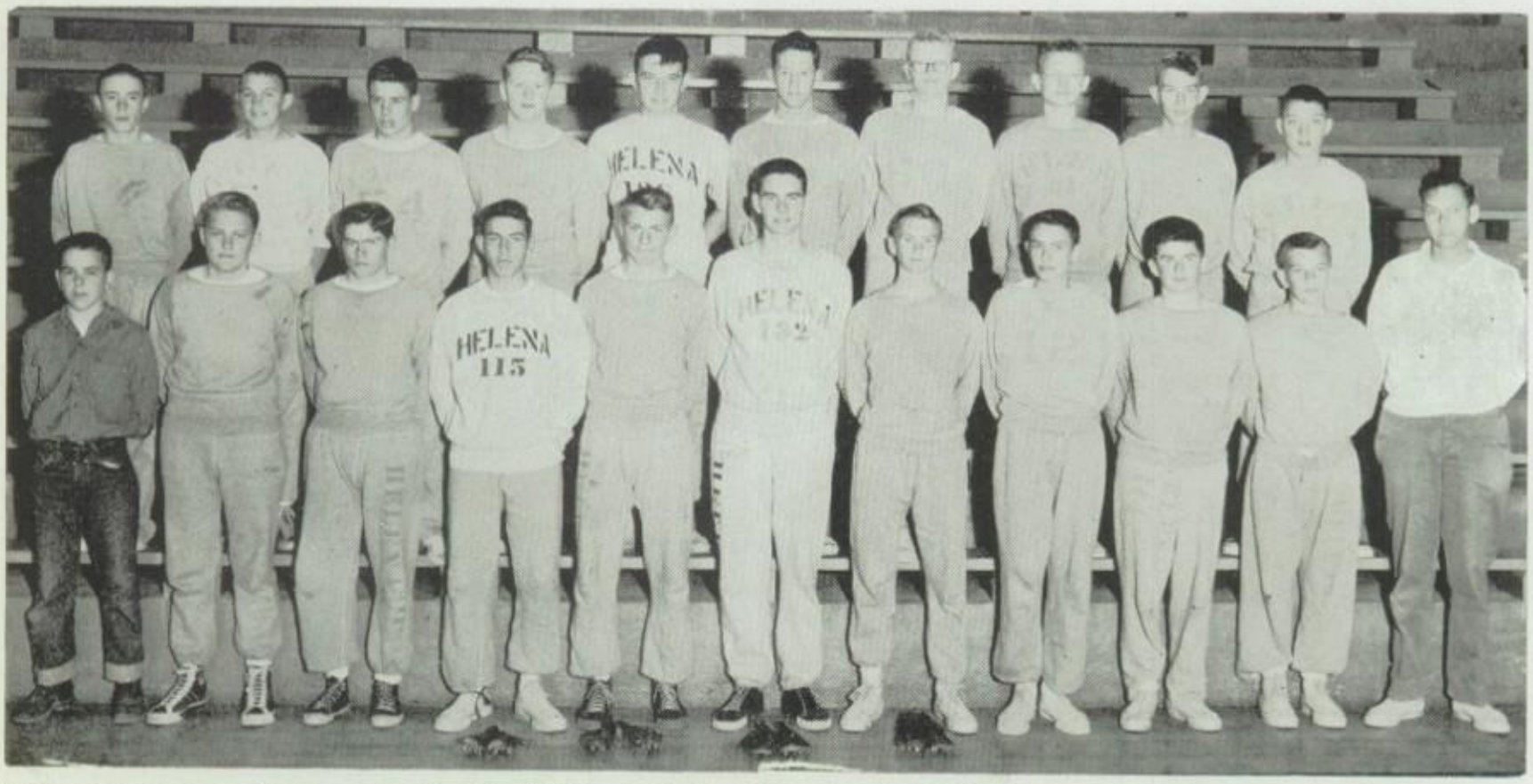
SPORTS

life is a contest !

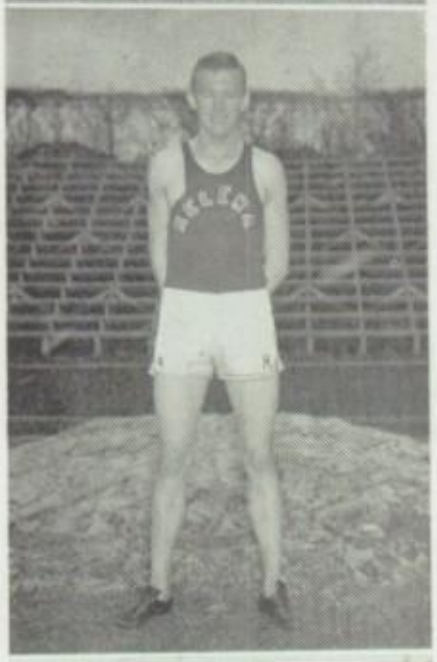
Varsity Trackmen

Front: Mgrs. Gary Bacon, Bob Clark. First row: Cottrill, Lupien, Haslip, Lanning, Redhair, Howard, Sheriff, Kelleher, Shepherd, Strachan, Bansch, Gilbert. Second row: Coach Williams, Stewart, Lindstrom, Sangray, Casebolt, Hull, Thomas, Haslip, Howard, Foster, Anders, Coach Skor. Third row: Coach Johnson, Schmidt, Cameron, Neill, Baker, Smidt, Hames, Barnes, Nachtsheim, Condon, Coach McGinley. Fourth row: Donovan, Breslin, Dwyer, Gray, Gibson, Bentz, Montibeller, Soll, Kuchenbrod, Zuelke, Mazuranich, manager.

Frosh Trackmen



First row: Manager Bacon, Jones, Beedle, Williams, Brooks, Klein, Roark, Mullen, Bouley, Freseman, Coach Johnson. Second row: Kindrick, Bausch, Wilson, Brown, Lockey, Bryant, Thronson, Ogren, Kington, Smigaj.



Track Lettermen

(Top, left to right):

CORKY HULL—(Senior) shot put, discus, high jump.

BILL BRUCE—(Sophomore) mile, half mile.

RAY HOWARD—(Senior) high jump, hurdles.

ED COTTRILL—(Sophomore) pole vault.

(Side, down):

ERIC LINDSTROM—(Junior) javelin.

VINCE KELLEHER—(Senior) high jump, javelin.

BILL THOMAS—(Senior) mile, half mile.

(Lower right):

RAND SANGRAY—(Junior) broad jump, 220 yard dash.

BILL HASLIP—(Senior) dashes.

Track Lettermen

(Top, left to right):

HAROLD SHEPHERD—Co-Captain (Senior) mile, half mile.

BILL HASLIP—Co-Captain (Senior) 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, relay.

PETE BURGGRAFF—(Senior) mile, half mile.

JERRY HASLIP—(Junior) high jump.

(Side, down):

JACK HOWARD—(Junior) shot put.

DAN HAMES—(Junior) shot put.

RUSS SHERIFF—(Junior) discus, shot put.

(Lower right):

GEORGE REDHAIR—(Senior) hurdles, relay.

VINCE LUPIEN—(Senior) low hurdles.

Track Lettermen

(Top, left to right):

JERRY ANDERS—(Junior) 440 yard dash.

DON SMIDT—(Junior) high hurdles.

BRUCE CASEBOLT—(Sophomore) pole vault.

CHUCK BARNES—(Junior) low hurdles, 100 yard dash, relay.

(Side, down):

JIM STRACHAN—(Senior) pole vault, relay.

JERRY FOSTER—(Junior) pole vault.

IKE LANNING—(Senior) pole vault, high jump.

(Lower left):

JOHN BANSCH—(Senior) 440 yard dash.

BILL GILBERT—(Junior) mile, half mile.

Track

Top left—Batons are exchanged in close Jaycee Relays race.
Top right—George Redhair leads way in hurdles race.
Bottom left—Redhair romps to easy win.
Right center—Ray Howard clears bar in high jump.
Bottom right—Shuttle hurdle provides fast action.

Below—Bill Haslip breaks tape for state 100 yard dash victory.

Track

Top left—Soaring Sangray!
Top center—Huffing Hames puts the shot.
Top right—Energetic Eric tosses javelin.
Bottom left—Racing Redhair passes baton to Rustling Rand.
Bottom center—Powerful Prentice flings the javelin.
Bottom right—Hefty Hull puts the shot.

Below—Redhair romps to another easy hurdle win.

Varsity Football

Front: Mgrs. Bob Clark, Gary Bacon. First row: Anders, Kauffman, Downs, Smidt, Sheriff, Barnes, Prentice, Lindstrom, Roberts. Second row: Rudio, Hunt, Schmidt, Foster, Gray, Bentz, Stewart, Ensign, O'Leary. Third row: McHugh, Nachtsheim, Montibeller, Howard, Hames, Gibson, Poore, Brandt, Diehl, Coach Williams.

RECORD

Helena 6, Butte Central 6*
Helena 19, Park 12*
Helena 0, Flathead 12*
Helena 6, Great Falls 39
Helena 7, Flathead 7
Helena 19, Billings 32
Helena 0, Missoula 46
Helena 6, Butte 13
Helena 27, Anaconda 6*

*Non-conference games

COACH WILLIAMS

Coach Frank (Bus) Williams in his four years here at Helena High School has proved to be a fine athletic coach. He has created much enthusiasm for football as was indicated by the large turnout for the 1953 season.

B Squad Football

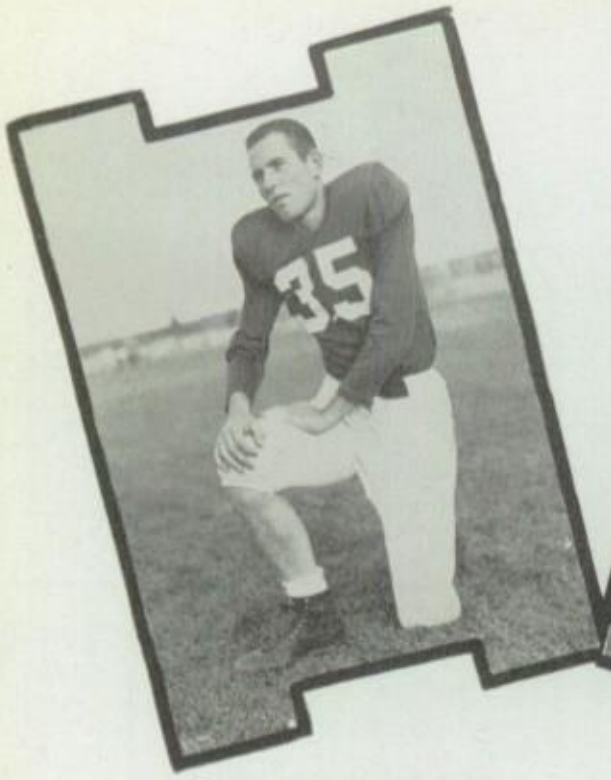
The Bengal Kittens under Coach Bernard McGinley ended the season with a record of 0 wins and 5 losses, but much experience was gained by the participants which will prove valuable to them in varsity football.

First row: Breslin, Hamlin, Neill, Small, Barbour, Klein, Mooney, Schneider, Brooks, Duval. Second row: Bouley, Beaver, Schull, Johnson, Korizek, Watson, Kockler, Kneedler, Lay, Williams. Third row: Rankin, Kuehn, Mullen, Bushnell, Small, Johnson, Thronson, Child, Brown, Bennitt, Griffith, Coach McGinley. Managers: Bob Clark, Tom Trainer, Gary Bacon.

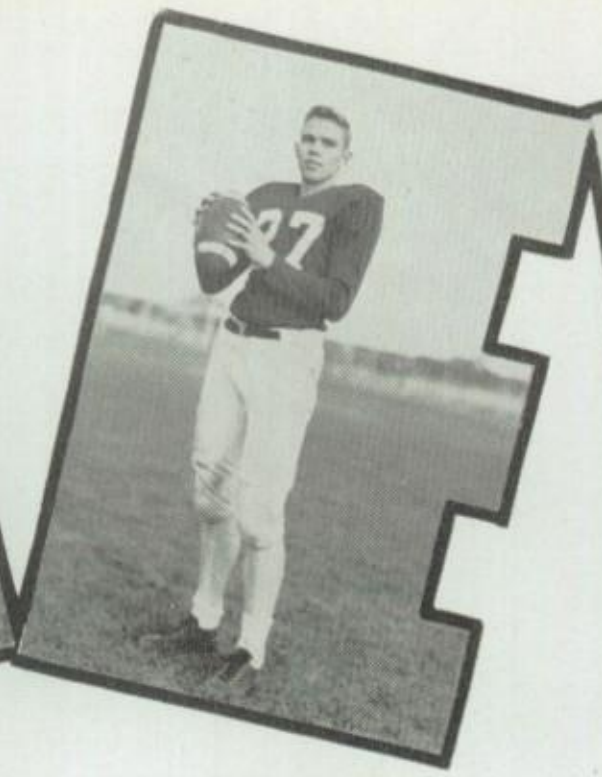
Freshman Football

Chuck Johnson drilled his frosh in the fundamentals of football. They finished with a 0 win and 3 loss record for the season. Although the record was unimpressive the team showed much promise for future varsity squads.

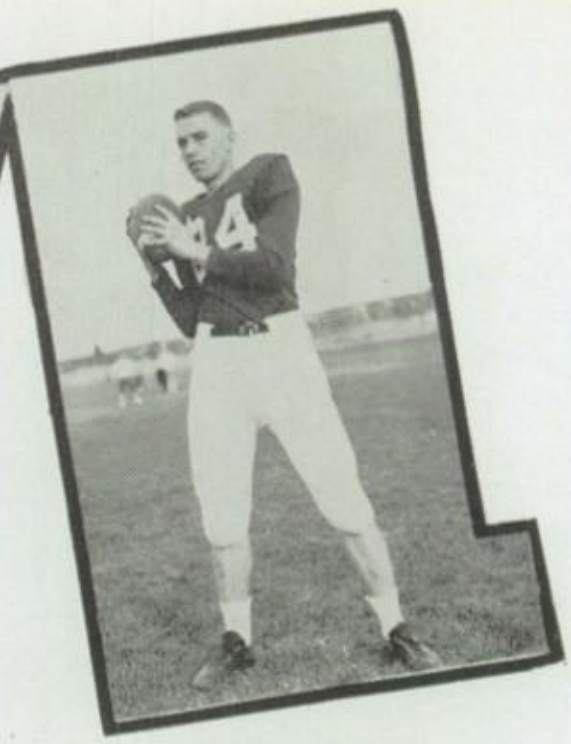
First row: Wiklund, Stagg, Neill, Duane, Hiatt, Sewell, Wing, Blixt, Dunlap, Cloud. Second row: Lyndes, Stuart, Cottrill, Lippert, Moe, Easbey, Adair, Pence, Hartwell. Third row: Coach Johnson, Morgan, Maddio, Wright, Cunningham, Beaver, Bryant, Knop, Retz, Williams. Fourth row: Cloninger, Dalley, Notti, McLane, Bjoin. Managers: Bob Clark, Tom Trainer, Gary Bacon.



GEORGE NACHTSHEIM
Senior



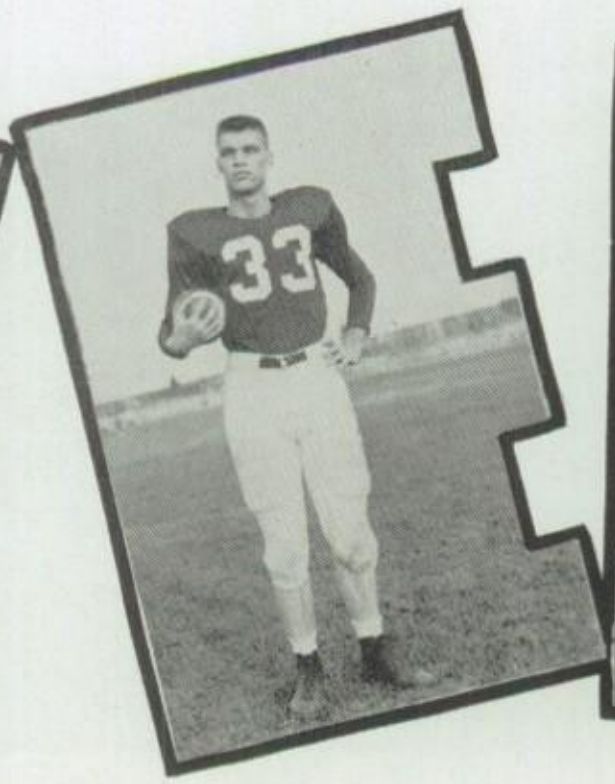
DAN PRENTICE
Senior



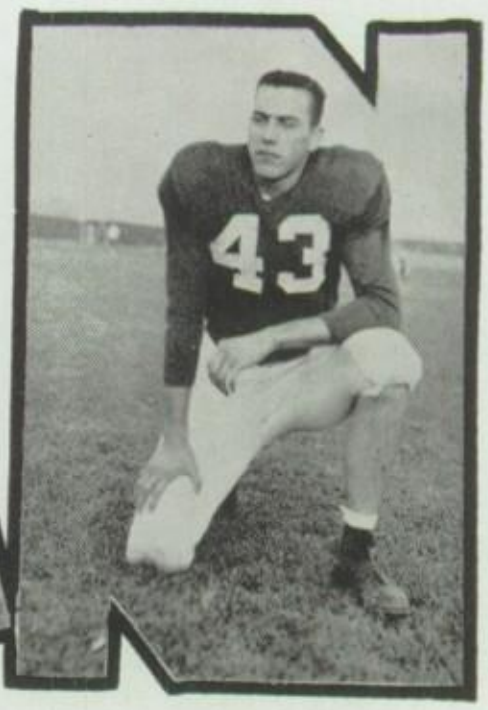
GARY SCHMIDT
Junior

Bengal back plows through Copperhead line.

JERRY ANDERS
Senior



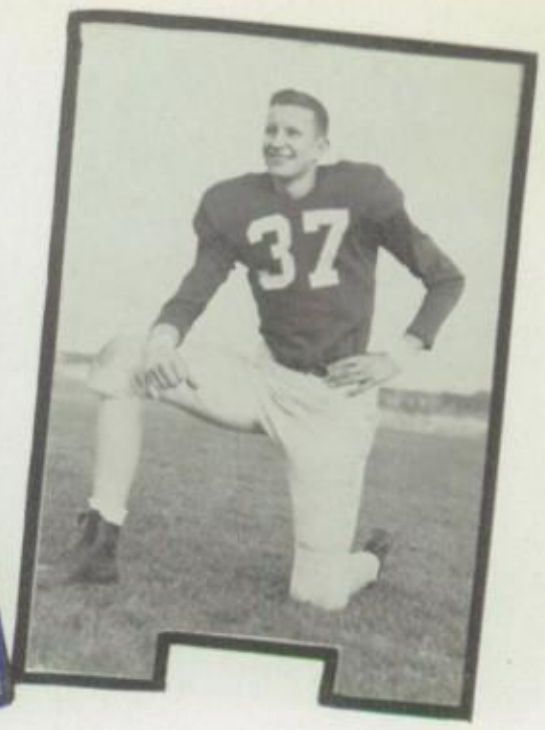
CHUCK BARNES
Senior



RUSS SHERIFF
Senior

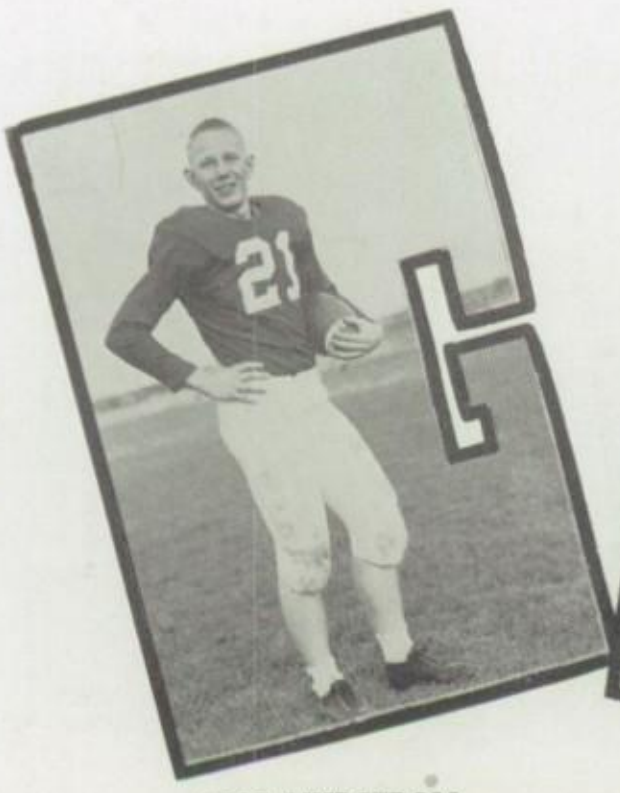
BILL DIEHL
Junior

TOM McHUGH
Senior



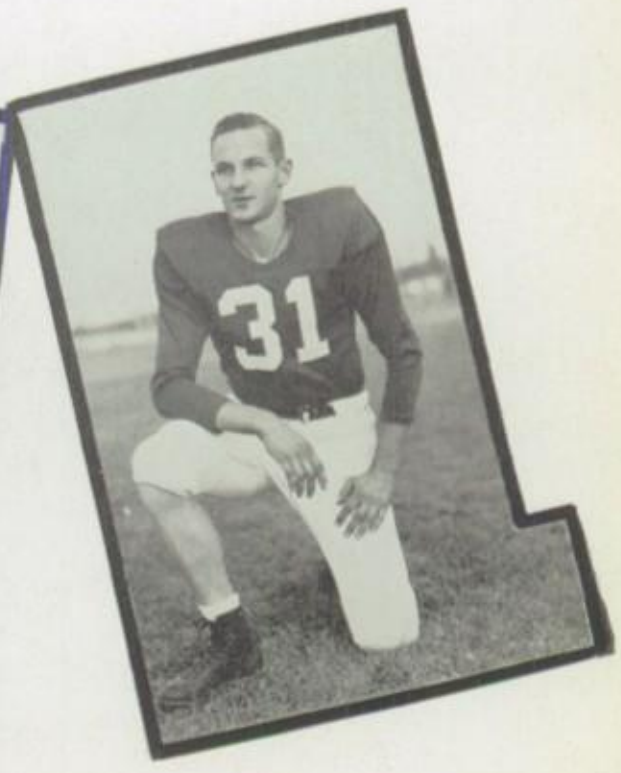
DON SMIDT
Senior

Prentice sidesteps Anaconda tackler.

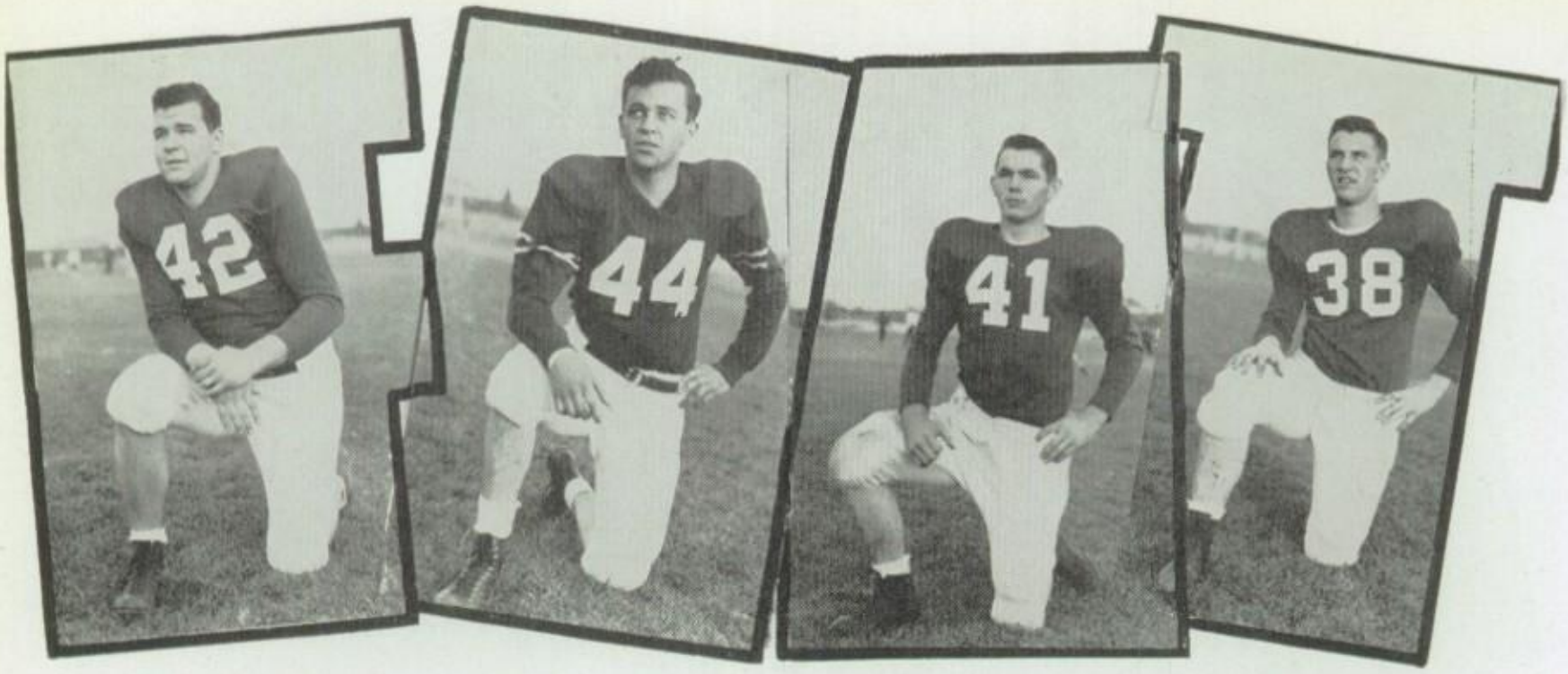


ERIC LINDSTROM
Senior

DAN HAMES
Senior



BUZZ BRANDT
Senior



FRANK MONTIBELLER
Junior

LEE O'LEARY
Senior

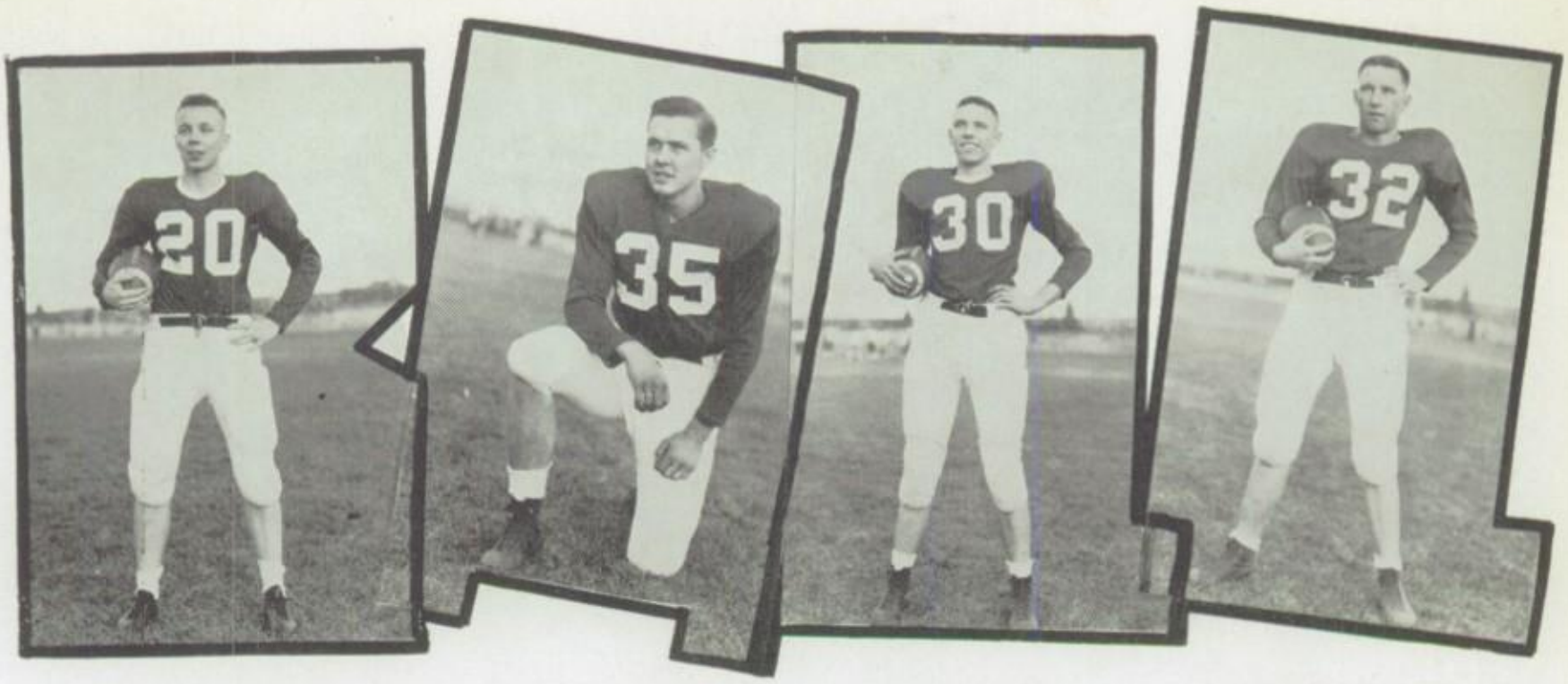
JACK HOWARD
Senior

AL STEWART
Junior

All-State Smidt overtakes Anaconda ball carrier.

JIM HUNT
Senior

WAYNE GIBSON
Senior



BILL ROBERTS
Senior

JIM POORE
Senior

NORM GRAY
Junior

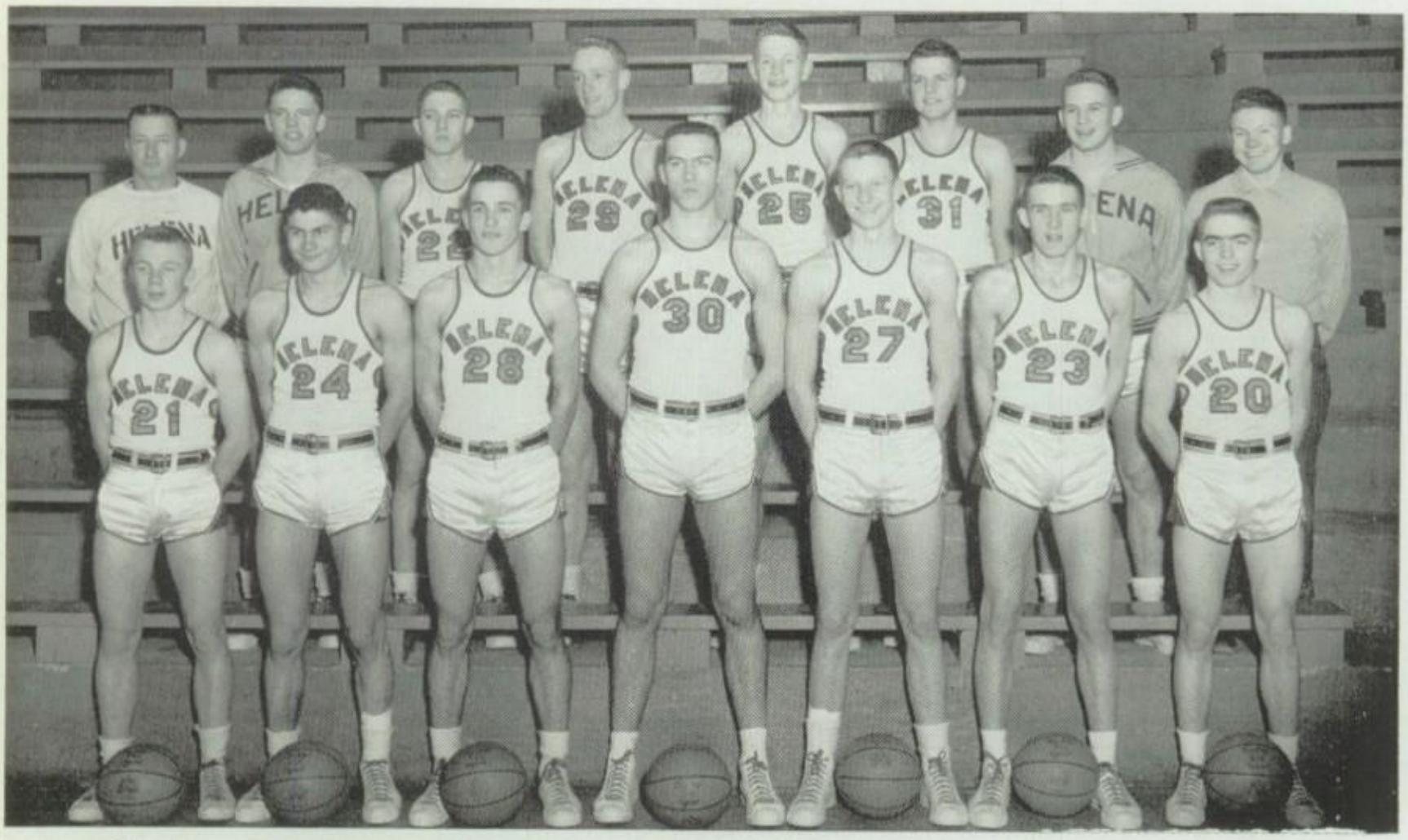
FRANK ENSIGN
Junior

Helena players close in on Anaconda runner.

JERRY FOSTER
Senior

CHUCK BENTZ
Senior

State Champions



1st row: Bill Roberts, Rand Sangray, Jerry Haslip, Russ Sheriff, Don Smidt, Dick House, Bill Gilbert; 2nd row: Coach Skor, Norm Gray, Bruce Casebolt, Ken Bailey, Gary Fellbaum, Jerry Small, Manager Dave Burgan.

Coach Skor again proved his ability as a basketball coach when he produced another state championship basketball team. It was his third in the ten years he has been here. His teams have been runnersup three years and have participated in the tourney eight of the ten years.

COACH LLOYD SKOR

Varsity Basketball

The Bengals were a green and untried team at the beginning of the season but when it was all over they once again reigned supreme as state champions. The first few games were trying ones as the Bengals dropped two of the first four.

When the Butte Roundtable tourney came the Bengals were in the groove and easily copped that tourney. After the tourney the Bengals won five more to stretch their winning streak to eight before losing their third and last game. In that streak the Bengals scored revenge wins over Missoula and Livingston, their early-season conquerors. They also knocked off Anaconda who finally snapped their string.

After that loss the Bengals won their next 15 in a row which bettered the '53 team's best string of 13 in a row. In those 15 games the Bengals hit 70 or more points nine times and held their opponents under 50 points eight times.

After tying for second in the Big 16 with Sidney, the Bengals won the Northern Divisional tournament at Great Falls, knocking off Big 16 Champion Missoula by 12 points in the final.

Helena climaxed their long, victorious season with a 56-51 win in the state finals over Sidney.

Helena had a winning edge over every opponent they met during the year as they won 25 of 28 games.

The '54 team left several streaks for the '55 team to keep up. They won the Butte Roundtable for the third straight year; the Northern Divisional for the third straight year; the state tourney for the second straight year; won their last 15 games in a row, and held a 26-game home winning streak when the season ended.

Captain Russ Sheriff finished his career by making first team All-State center. Don Smidt made second team forward and Billy Gilbert made third team guard. Jerry Haslip and Rand Sangray both received honorable mention.

SEASON'S RECORD

Helena 65, North Central 55*
Helena 75, Bozeman 66
Helena 57, Livingston 61
Helena 49, Missoula 62
Helena 56, Anaconda 41
Helena 56, Livingston 48
Helena 65, Kalispell 51
Helena 73, Havre 48
Helena 50, Missoula 48
Helena 45, Anaconda 51
Helena 75, Bozeman 54
Helena 45, Kalispell 41
Helena 75, Great Falls 51
Helena 81, Butte 43
Helena 78, Butte Central 53
Helena 71, Great Falls 42
Helena 72, Butte Central 62

*Non-conference

Helena 59, Butte 49
Helena 73, Havre 41

Butte Roundtable Tournament

Helena 72, Butte 48*
Helena 68, Butte Central 52*
Helena 75, Anaconda 61*

Northern Divisional Tournament

Helena 85, Great Falls 47
Helena 63, Glasgow 51
Helena 59, Missoula 47

State Tournament

Helena 61, Anaconda 51
Helena 75, Livingston 41
Helena 56, Sidney 51

Basketball Lettermen

CAPTAIN RUSS (6'6") SHERIFF

Russ earned his third basketball letter as he led the Bengals in scoring with a 17.7 point average. Russ was also the top rebounder and a fine defensive man. Being captain, Russ was the team's leader on the floor and became an aggressive leader. For his fine work he was named first team center on the All-State selections.

DON (6'3") SMIDT

In earning his second letter, Don was the number two gun in the Bengal scoring barrage. Don was second in scoring with a 14.7 point average and also backed up Sheriff well in the rebounding department. Don not only led the team in single-game scoring, but he also handled many tough defensive assignments well. Don was named second team All-State forward.

BILLY (5'8½") GILBERT

Billy earned his second varsity award and was the playmaker of the team. Billy kept the team moving, setting up many baskets while compiling a 9.4 point average himself. His fine dribbling was a great asset in the backcourt and his deadly accuracy on long shots kept the defense off balance. Billy was named third team All-State guard.

RAND (5'11") SANGRAY

Rand was the defensive star of the team and earned his second basketball award. Rand was given most of the opposition's top scorers to handle and usually held them well below their average. He also helped Gilbert in the backcourt and because of his speed he scored many layins on the fast break. Rand was given honorable mention on the All-State team.

Basketball Lettermen

JERRY (6'1½") HASLIP

Jerry was the number three rebounder and top scorer in many games. Jerry was known for his deadly and unstoppable jump shot. He used his height to the utmost in grabbing rebounds and in tipping in enough baskets to compile a 9.1 point average. Jerry was given honorable mention on the All-State team in winning his second letter.

DICK (6') HOUSE

Dick was the sixth man and a very valuable one. In earning his first letter, Dick played both the post and in the backcourt. His fine sense of timing helped him in the rebounding department and in scoring many tipins.

Best of luck with
all my good wishes
Ken Bailey
6-3-11

KEN (6'4") BAILEY

Ken, a junior, earned his second letter as Sheriff's able substitute. He showed promise both as a scorer and as a rebounder. Ken was high man in one of the games in Sheriff's absence.

BILL (5'6") ROBERTS

Bill, the scrappy little senior guard, earned his first Bengal monogram as a playmaking backcourt man. Bill made up for his lack of size with his fight and determination.

Basketball Lettermen

JIM (6'5") KELLY

Jim, a transfer from Idaho, earned his first letter as a junior. Jim usually scored many points in his brief appearances as a post man and is expected to carry a big load in the scoring department next year.

BRUCE (5'11") CASEBOLT

Bruce was an able substitute and his trickiness brought the Bengals several baskets. A junior, Bruce is expected to be a top scorer next year. This was Bruce's first year on the varsity.

GARY (6'3") FELLBAUM

Gary, a two year letterman junior, saw limited action playing both the post and at guard. His height and hustle are expected to give the Bengals lots of help next year.

NORM (5'11½") GRAY

Norm, a hard working junior, showed well in his first varsity year. Norm is a guard and his determination and drive should prove helpful to the Bengals next year.

Basketball Lettermen

JERRY (5'11") SMALL

Jerry is another junior who earned his first Bengal award. Jerry is a guard and a good shot. Despite limited action this year, Jerry should be helpful to the Bengals next year.

MANAGER DAVE BURGAN

Besides the seven basketball lettermen lost this year through graduation the manager is also a graduating senior. Dave handled the many and varied duties of his job well. The effort that he put into his job was appreciated by all the players.

Right—Bill Gilbert flips one in.

Below: The champs are welcomed home.

Basketball Action

Top (left to right): Bengals, state champs again; Sangray drops one in; 2nd row: Haslip snares rebound; Gilbert lets fly; House and Smidt jump for rebound; Gilbert lays one up; Haslip fights for rebound; bottom row: Smidt takes a jump shot; House tips one in; Sheriff brings down a rebound; Bengal bench cheers regulars on.

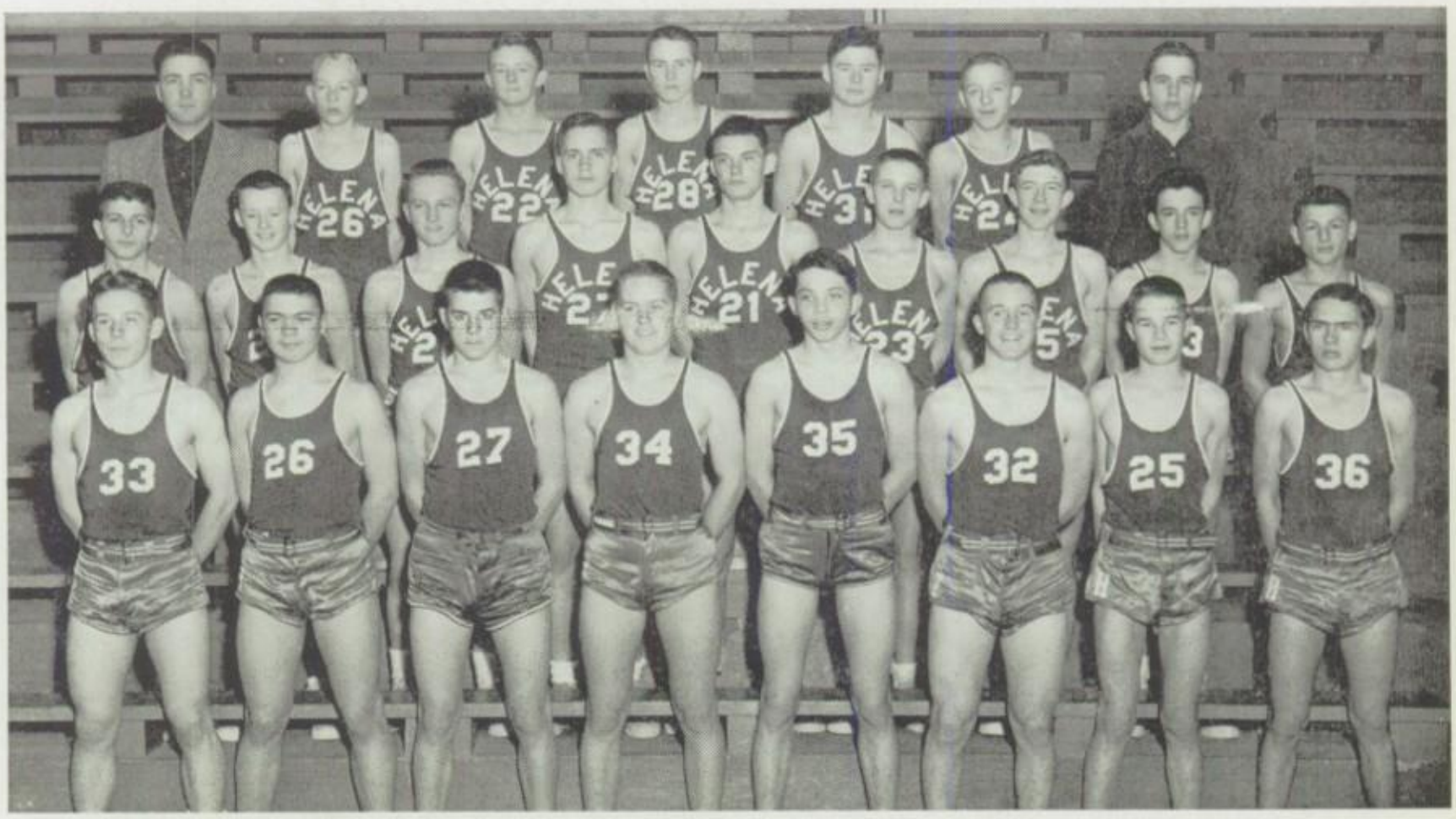
B-Squad Basketball

Coach Bernard McGinley's Kittens ended the season with a record of six wins against five defeats. They showed much ability and should prove to be tough competition in varsity basketball.

1st row: Fisher, Child, Johnson, Rekstad, Klein, Fred, Ogren, Condon, Rudio, Kindrick; 2nd row: Coach McGinley, Mullen, Thronson, Kenney, Carbis, Korizek, Walker, Collins, Manager Bob Clark.

Freshman Basketball

The Helena High School frosh, coached by Bus Williams, ended the season with a record of two wins and two losses. The Kitten reserves also defeated them three times. They received training in the fundamentals of basketball and were one of the better frosh teams in the state.



1st row: Wiklund, Cottrill, Bader, Sewell, Bryant, Neill, Screnar, Moe; 2nd row: Notti, Retz, Lippert, Manson, Carbis, Blackmer, Stratton, Easbey, Cloud; 3rd row: Coach Williams, Horner, Sparrow, Foster, DeLude, Dagenais, Manager Gary Bacon.

Intramural Athletics

NOON HOUR VOLLEYBALL

Top row: Dave Kneedler, Harry Child, Don Prebil, Ken Luntsford. Bottom row: Gene Grandy, Bill Vollmer, Eldon Pickering. Not pictured: Ken Bailey, Tom Miskovich, Jim McIntosh.

TUESDAY EVENING BASKETBALL
"Beagle Boys"

Top row: Everett Loughridge, Lanny Kenney, George Nachtsheim. Bottom row: Ronald Kuchenbrod, Earl Zuelke. Not pictured: Jerry Padbury.

FROSHMORE
NOON HOUR BASKETBALL
"Bears"

Top row: Bill Bogy, Bill Vollmer, John Bennitt. Bottom row: David Morgan, Bill Kirby, Pete Carkulis. Not pictured: Tom Miskovich.

JUNIOR-SENIOR
NOON HOUR BASKETBALL
"Fire-Eaters"

Top row: Chick Dwyer, William Smith, Tom Kockler. Bottom row: James O'Connor, Larry Copeland Not pictured: Gerald Early.

Tumblers

Sponsored by Miss Handford, the "Bengalettes" performed graceful routines including hand springs, chest rolls, walkovers and flips.

Bottom row (left to right): Bonnie Bailey, Doris Schimpf, Linda Carlson, Marlene Sangray; top row: Diane Liedle, Verna Scow, Betty Best, Jane Mitchke, Nancy Kain.

Bottom row (left to right): Carol Steck, Charlene Kruse, Betty Babcock, Donna Gregor, Fredella Day; top row: Shirley Davis, Donna Darfler, Carolyn Wells, Sara Kain, Anne McMenamin.

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Captained by Betty Lou Babcock this year, these girls won the school volleyball championship for the second straight year after defeating Blakely's team in the championship game.

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Nona Brown's basketball team won this year's GAA school championship after defeating Gretchen Huber's team 23-29 in a fast and thrilling game.

The team was composed of Nona Brown, captain; Mimi Buterbaugh, Judy Allen, Connie Anderson, Penny Hibarger, Jackie Smith, Verna Brown, Bobbie Blakely, Marlene Sangray.

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1953 Helena American Legion Juniors

The 1953 Helena American Legion Juniors finished the Central division race with an 8-4 record to place second behind Great Falls. Helena also won four of seven non-conference games to end the season with a 12-7 record.

Although the 1953 team failed to duplicate the 1952 team's feat of winning the Central division crown, they did provide the Helena fans with plenty of good and exciting baseball. Helena won eight of ten home games but lost five of nine road games.

Coach Herb Atkins will have four experienced veterans back to form the nucleus of the 1954 team. Those returning are catcher Norm Gray, pitcher Jeff Condon, infielder Gary Schmidt and outfielder Rollie Fisher.

The other eleven players will not return due to the age limit in the Legion program. They are catcher Tom McHugh; pitchers Jerry Haslip and Buzz Brandt; infielders Don Smidt, Dave Burgan, Rand Sangray, Lanny Kenney and Ron Kuchenbrod; outfielders Bob Finley, Fred McDermott, John Brockley.

1st row (left to right): Burgan, Gray, Schmidt, Brockley, Condon, Kuchenbrod, Fisher; 2nd row: Surman, assistant coach; Brandt, Finley, Smidt, Haslip, Sangray, McDermott, McHugh, Bansch, assistant coach; Atkins, coach. Front: Batboy Atkins.

SEASON'S RECORD

Conference Games Home

Helena 11, Bozeman 1
Helena 8, Bozeman 6
Helena 1, Great Falls 10
Helena 8, Great Falls 7
Helena 10, Lewistown 1
Helena 9, Lewistown 5

Conference Games Away

Helena 17, Bozeman 9
Helena 14, Bozeman 5
Helena 3, Great Falls 15
Helena 1, Great Falls 9
Helena 3, Lewistown 4
Helena 8, Lewistown 7

Non-Conference Games Home

Helena 6, Butte 8
Helena 10, Anaconda 2
Helena 8, Missoula 5
Helena 18, Miles City 4

Non-Conference Games Away

Helena 0, Butte 1
Helena 4, Anaconda 5
Helena 4, Missoula 2

MUSIC and DRAMA

life is a stage!

TROMBONES

Left to right: James Kington, Frances Stockdale, Gerald Zachary, Lee Kenney, Robert Budke, Clifford Cox.

FRENCH HORNS

Left to right: Ronald Dalley, Donna Darfler, Donna Fuller, Margaret Frank.

BASSES

Left to right: William Betzner, Wayne Gibson, Robert Ogren, Harry Fuller, Robert Braun, William Vollmer.

PERCUSSION

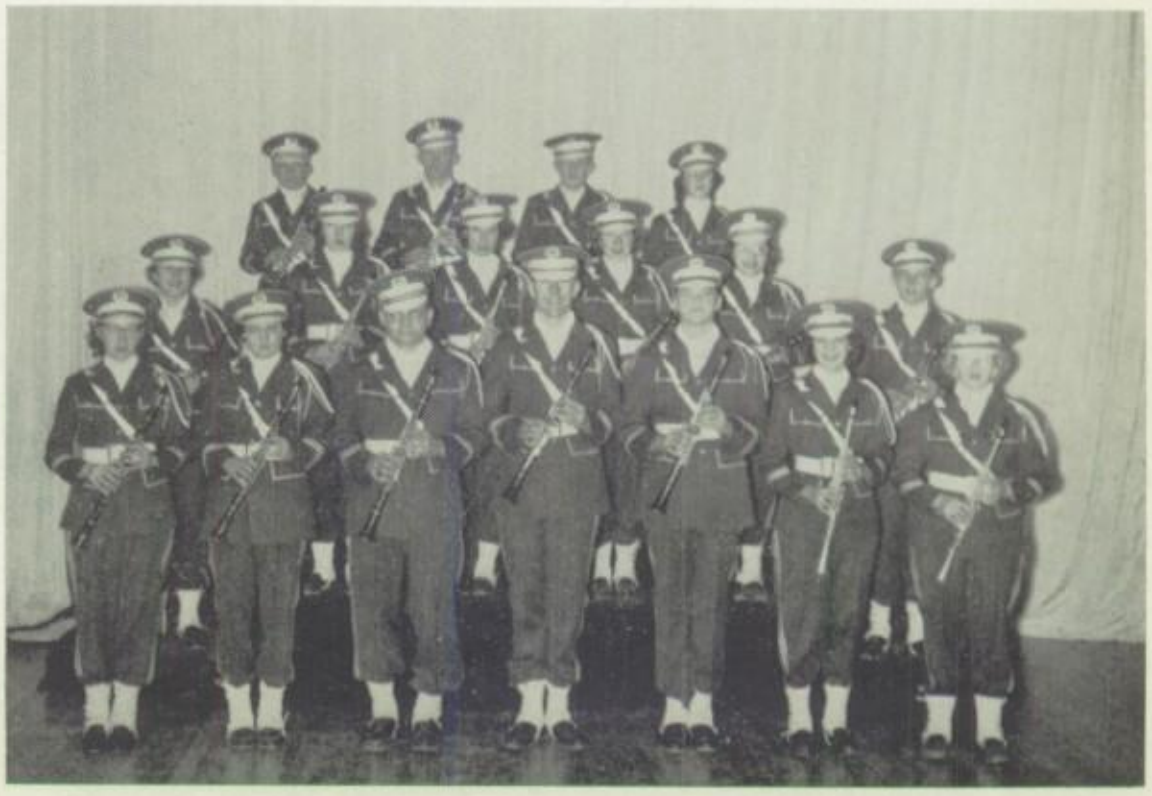
Top row: Karen Wilson, Delores Hargrove, Joan McGuinn, Alice Henry; 2nd row: Shirley Davis, Connie Jones, Joanne Westover, Donna Downs, Grace Hamlin; 1st row: Delores DeCouteau, Jean Yeager, Richard Williams, Edwin Schroeder, Michael Small, Linda Wohl, Murray McNeill, Kenneth Lynn.

SAXAPHONES

Lanny Kenney
Norman Gray
George Spangerude
Donna Fuller
Wayne Gibson
Michael O'Connell

CLARINETS

Top row: Michael Griffith, Albert Kirn, John Carlson, Shirley Dwyer; 2nd row: Katherine Erickson, Darlene Woods, Marie Wells, Helen Copenhaver, Geraldine Day, Franklin Blackmer; 1st row: Berneta Mason, Lois Jennings, Charles Myrick, Lanny Kenney, Charles Johnson, DeAnn Beauchamp, Peggy Horne.



TRUMPETS

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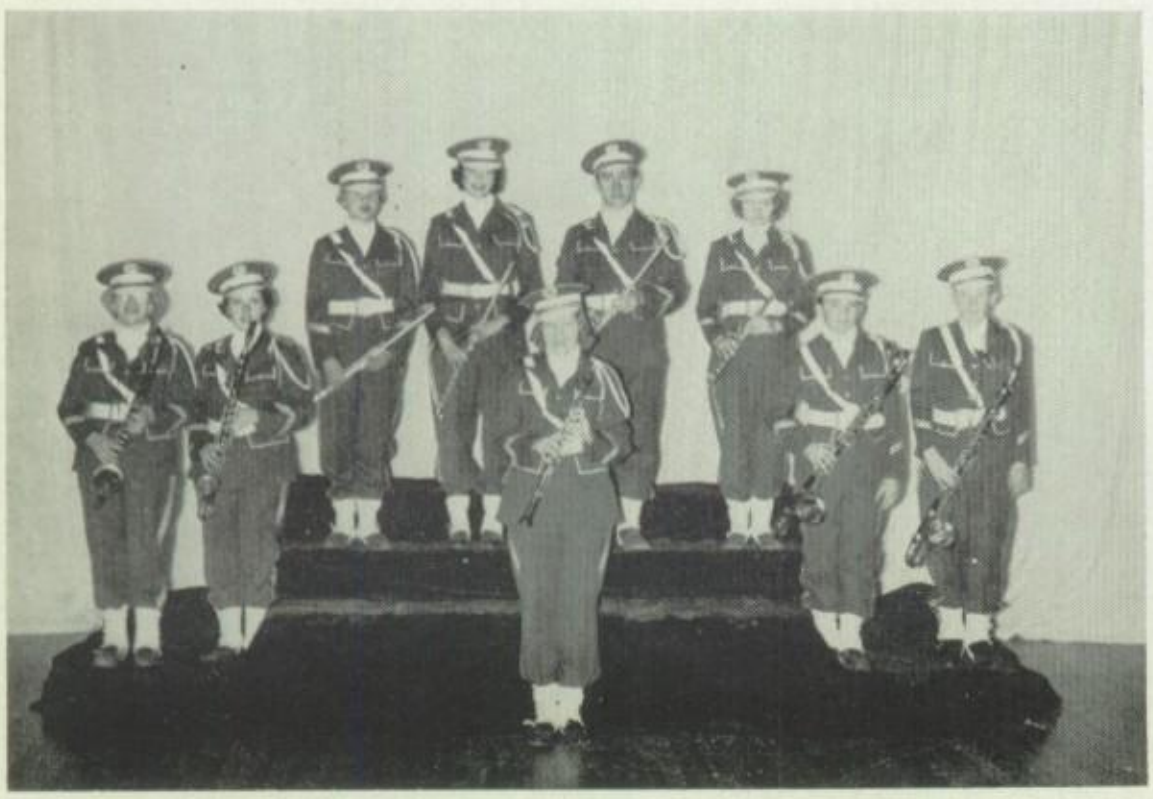


WOODWINDS

Top row: Donna Halverson, Phyllis Fiske, Franz Ortloff, Donna Darfler; 2nd row: Margaret Horne, Edith Brown, Michael Griffith, John Carlson; front row: Margaret Mason.

Cheerleaders

These five smiling girls gave much time and talent to cheering the Bengals on to many victories — their second straight basketball championship included! Under Cheer Queen Shirley, they worked out cute routines, and showed much personality, pep and good sportsmanship. The athletic clubs donated money for the girls' new corduroy uniforms. Miss Kathryn Megard is sponsor.

Left to right: Jeannie Noel, Dee Brecken, Shirley Cartwright, Gwen DeBar, Connie Haynes.

Junior Band

Left to right, top row: Fred Bakke, Robert Williams, Clifford Van Engen, James Cottrill, Duane Rhinehart, Robert Churchwell, Franklin Culver; center row: Thomas Brackman, Lawrence Roy, Alex Sandru, Jerry Horne, Lloyd Stagg, Robert Cashmore, James Adair; bottom row: Patricia Rogan, Martha Wendell, Evelyn Mattmiller, Kaye Bailey, Connie Morse, Donalda Murfitt, Kathleen Weiss.

"A" FLAGS

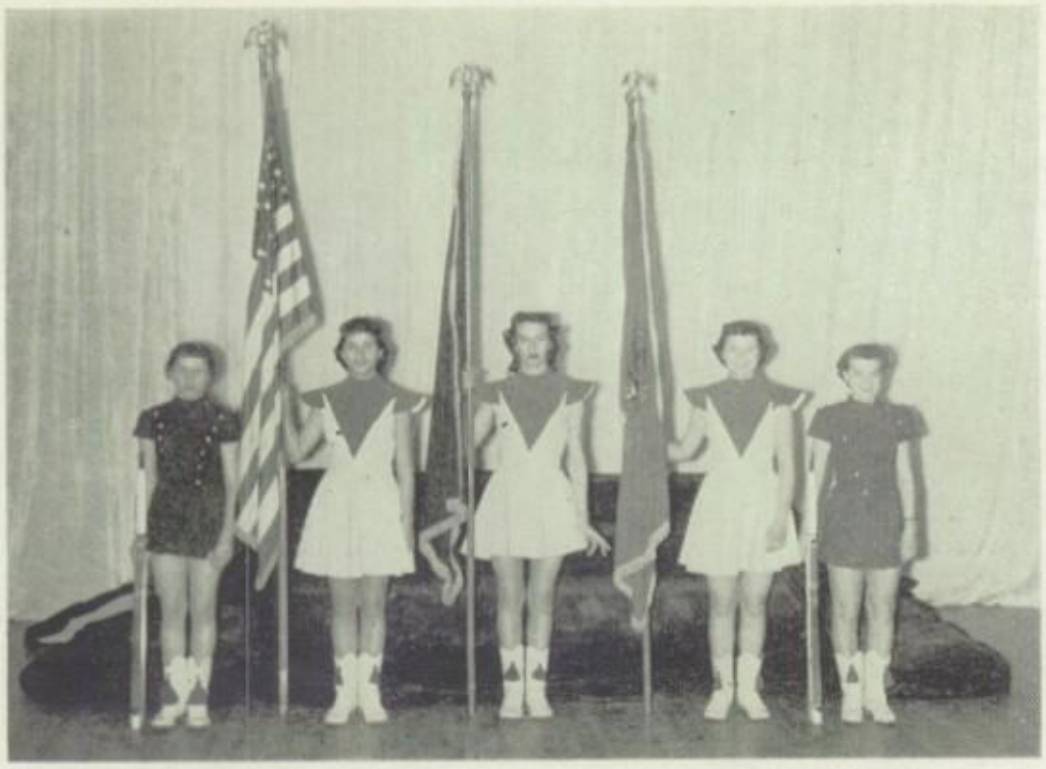
Joyce DeBree, Lee Retz, Bobbie Mehelich, Bonnie Johnson, Head Flag Jan Buterbaugh, Jeanette Wertz, Sharon Amundson, Kaye Martin, Bev Berg.

DOUBLE BATONS

Jo Watts, Head Majorette Sara Jane Kretzer, Connie Anderson. (Not pictured: Sue Campbell, Peggy Bevans).

BATONS

Marlene Sangray, Bonnie Norling, Head Baton Sandra Stadheim, Joan Barker, Patty Hopkins.



COLOR GUARD

Jeanie O'Leary, Sabra Guthrie, Donna Eggan, Bobbie Blakely, Aggie Duke.

ACROBATS

Pat Trainer, Linda Carlson, Bonnie Bailey, Doris Schimpf.

"B" FLAGS

Flossie Stansell, Toni Gelhausen, Mimi Buterbaugh, Penny Hibarger and Lynn Rossiter.

Senior Philharmonic

The Philharmonic's talented song-birds blended their voices to give many concerts during the year. For the Christmas season, melodious carols rang through the halls. George Lewis has successfully directed the group for the past two years. Patty Hopkins is the valuable accompanist.

First row, left to right: Pauline Wixson, JoAnn Barnes, Bonnie Pederson, Raedyn Anderson, Madeline Lea, Mary McCullough, Mary Carbis, Carole Flotlin, Norma Connor, Jane Shope, Julie Harris, JoAnn Risan, Sharon Skor, Mae Spurrier, Colleen Johnson; second row: Joyce Babcock, Marcelle Mejia, Betty Burrell, Virginia Van Drunen, Joan Widdison, Diann Cleveland, Claudia Hardy, Marian Collishaw, Connie Fisher, Ruth Hall, Barbara Mattmiller, Mary Lou Tillo, Patricia Crowley, Marlene Jones, Donna Sinclair, Carolyn Pierson; third row: Sidney O'Malley, Junie Tipton, Rollie Fisher, Jim Brown, Greg Van Voast, Bill Higgins, Eric Lindstrom, Charles Padbury, Tom Bates, Martin Mertz, James Tompkins, Larry Borsberry, David Dale, Robert Russ, Lorna Wittmere, Laura Olson; fourth row: Janet Dobler, Bill Roberts, Larry Hillebrecht, Lyle Dunlap, Dave Kneedler, Jerry Padbury, Dick House, Lanny Fred, Ken Bailey, Frank Montibeller, Bruce Casebolt, Glen Porter, James Hill, Ronald Miller, Kenneth Freseman, Annetta Maddux. "Alle ren" - George D. Lewis

Junior Philharmonic

Members of the Junior Philharmonic are the school's up-and-coming songsters. They aspire to become part of the great Senior Philharmonic and train hard toward this goal. The Junior Philharmonic has shown good evidence of its musical ability under Mr. George Lewis' direction.

First row, left to right: Virginia Hand, Korene Kennaugh, Rosalie Ballard, Peggy Dudley, Connie Andreasen, Peggy Lorenzen, Joan Fraser, Jean Chivers, Laraine Brown, Charlotte Mason, Molly Fleming, Aurora Mendez, Sharon Ricker; second row: Barbara Brandt, Joan LaFromboise, Joan Coleman, Marlene Wills, Sharon Weed, Susan Castles, Gay Anders, Sandra Price, Carol Ford, Pat Bauer, Norma Miller, Joyce Dickert, Ruth Harrer, Elynor Sparti; third row: Mickey Maroney, Dan Bieri, Allen Peterson, Neal DeLude, Gary Cloninger, Ray Pence, Dan Tiffany, Alan Stratton, Neil Stock, Ted Cooney, Lillian Zagazon; fourth row: Vince Maddio, Charles Dickert, Charles Bozdog, Robert Moe, Gary Sewell, Dallas Hiatt, Alan Duane, Bob Bryant, Ken Neill, Jerome Mattice, Dick Wing, Frank Miracle, Gary Johnson.

Orchestra

Charles Blossom proved himself an able orchestra leader in his first year at Helena High School. Under his direction, the orchestra's strings, percussion, brass and woodwind sections blended to produce lovely music throughout the year. Among their performances, the orchestra played impressively for the Coronation and gave a Christmas concert.

First row, left to right: Rita Beinhorn, Marabeth Schmitz, Virginia Mougeot, Ruth Henry, Heather McLeod, Rosalie Hamm, Donna Ramsey, Carol Anthony, Nancy Nelson, Roberta Miller, Shirley Dearing; second row: John Bennitt, Franz Ortloff, Bob DeGooyer, Cameron Dightman, Charles Myrick, Billie Jean Sloan, Ardeth Keller, Jo Ann Sloan, Lawrence Wolfe, Jim Smart, Kenneth Lynn, Ted Clearman, Jerry Williams, Mike Sulag; third row: Mr. Blossom, Mary Lee Kinsey, Benny Lamb, Dave Dandro, Johnnie Kuenning.

Stage Crew

The "unsung heroes" of the dramatic productions are the department's outstanding stage crew. The hard-working members, under Mrs. Doris M. Marshall's supervision, do many unglamorous tasks resulting in the amazing stage-sets and lighting for the plays. The dazzling and impressive Coronation throne and stage were the inspired art of the stage crew.

First row, left to right: Bob Downs, Jack Dwyer, Bobby Clark, Lanny Fred, Jan Buterbaugh, Don Fournier, Donna Brown, Bob Tichenor, Jeannie Noel, Harry Barnett, Barbara Bielenberg, Jolene Morley, Marion Riegel; second row: Dan Raue, Janet Dobler, Beverly Mitchke, Bill Streets, Gail Palmer, Boyd Burner, Bonnie Pederson, Betty Anderson, Colleen Johnson, Afton Liedle, Frances Novak, Peggy Barnes, Art Donovan.

"The Curious Savage"

Mrs. Savage's money-mad children — Barbara Bielenberg, Tim Reardon, Jim Dodson.

Dan Prentice tells Sara Kretzer of his imaginary battle scar.

"Looky!" Dan Prentice, Rony Goldberg, Jolene Morley, Dorothy Gillespie and Sarah Cashmore peek at the home's newest guest.

Mike O'Connell and Anne Morrison, as the home's hard-working staff, read of Mrs. Savage's astonishing fortune.

Curtain call! Rony Goldberg, Sarah Cashmore, Dan Prentice, Jolene Morley, Tim Reardon, Sara Kretzer, "Teddy", Barbara Bielenberg, Jim Dodson, Anne Morrison, Mike O'Connell, Dorothy Gillespie and Ronnie Andridge.

The hero of "The Curious Savage" in all his glory.

The sweet Mrs. Savage, as portrayed by Sara Kretzer.

Largest Thespian initiation in Helena's history gets under way.

Diana Wooten, Dee Breckon, Bev Berg and Nancy Shelton practice the art of make-up!

A scene from last spring's "The Importance of Being Earnest" with Chuck Bryant and Margie Kall.

The perfect butlers: Bill Roberts and Darryl Harker in distinguished poses.

"The Tin Hero"

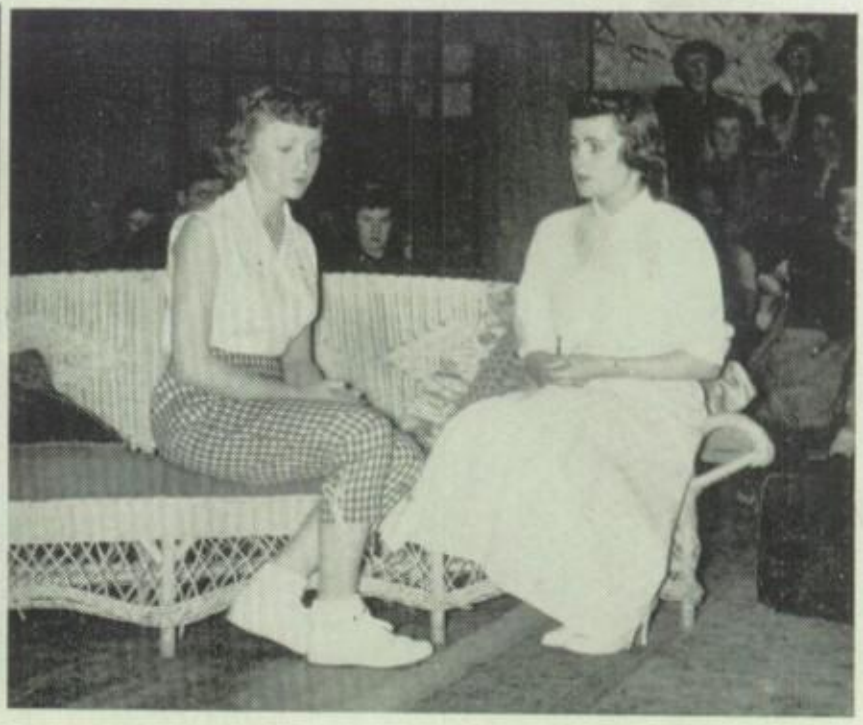
"Oh!" Bev Berg and Jerry Padbury in a dramatic moment.

Careful there, Bill! (Roberts in a precarious position).

Distinguished visitors (Ruth Ann Harrer and Leon Billings) awe Bill and his mother, Diana Wooten.

"Mademoiselle" Breckon, Jerry, Diana and Bev welcome Bathing Beauty Bill home.

Diana gives some motherly advice to Bev.



Bev and Sue Campbell sit with glum faces.

Calendar 1953-54

Sept. 9—Nearly 300 freshmen started their high school life.
Sept. 10—The upperclassmen started roaming the halls once again.
Sept. 11—The faculty, including three new teachers, and 950 students filled the halls on the first full day of the new school year.
Sept. 11—Helena tied the visiting Butte Central Maroons 6-6 in a thriller.
Sept. 18—The Bengals broke into the win column 19-12 at Livingston.
Sept. 23—Delicious steaks watered the mouths of the Thespians at their annual steak fry held at Cox's Lake.
Sept. 25—Kalispell spilled Helena 12-0 in cold Flathead county.
Sept. 30—The first cram-packed Nugget rolled off the press.
Oct. 1—The Snake Dance started October off on the right foot.
Oct. 1—Mr. Korn was introduced at the first pep assembly.
Oct. 2—Great Falls walloped the Bengals 39-6 in the first conference game.
Oct. 5—Nineteen class officers were elected by the various classes.
Oct. 9—Helena rallied to tie Kalispell 7-7 in a wild home game.
Oct. 12—Everyone enjoyed the zany skits for Queen and Princess candidates.
Oct. 12—The Modernaires put on the first National Assembly.
Oct. 14—The Senior boys selected their Rotarians for the weekly luncheons.
Oct. 16—Queen Pauline and Princess Patty were crowned in a beautiful regal ceremony amid "Silver Leaves and Shimmering Satin."
Oct. 16—The Class of '56 put on their fine Sophomore Dance.
Oct. 16—The ever busy first six weeks finally came to a close.
Oct. 17—Helena was stopped by Billings 32-19 in Billings.
Oct. 23—Home rooms elected student council representatives to start the student government rolling.
Oct. 23—Nine aspiring journalists attended the Pow Wow on the University of Montana campus.
Oct. 23—Missoula snowed Helena under 46-0 in the Garden City.
Oct. 24—"Loveliest Night of the Year" was the theme for the Rainbow Dance.
Oct. 26—F.H.A. initiated 16 new members.
Oct. 26-28—Underclassmen smiled pretty for Vigilante pictures.
Oct. 28-30—Everyone enjoyed a vacation as the teachers attended the MEA convention.
Oct. 30—Butte nudged the hard fighting Bengals 13-6 in Butte.
Oct. 31—Helena Police sponsored annual Civic Center Hallowe'en dance for all Helena students.
Nov. 4—Mr. Korn enters Missoula hospital.
Nov. 4-7—Ten Thespians attended the National Convention in Seattle.
Nov. 6—Helena overpowered Anaconda 27-6 in final home game for 18 seniors.
Nov. 9—A record-breaking 82 percent of the Class of '55 attended Career Night to get a line on their prospective vocations.
Nov. 11—The Helena veterans organizations put on a brief but impressive Armistice Day ceremony.
Nov. 12—Business Education Day brought lots of joy to everyone as school was closed for half the day.
Nov. 14—Twenty-eight F.H.A. members attended the district meet in Choteau.
Nov. 14—The Class of '54 put on the "best ever" roaring Senior Barn Dance.
Nov. 17—Sixteen seniors whizzes were initiated into National Honor Society.
Nov. 18—More than 200 people attended the annual Aeronautics School Open House.
Nov. 20—The Junior Red Cross drive included 100 percent of the students and faculty.
Nov. 24—Montana State College coach, Tony Storti, spoke at the big Football Banquet.
Nov. 25—3-7-77's put on a nice Thanksgiving Dance. Many former Helena High students attended.
Nov. 25—Turkey took the place of school as the halls emptied for Thanksgiving vacation.
Dec. 1—The juniors picked out their beautiful class rings while the seniors chose their graduation announcements.

1. Twirlers in action.
2. Mickey, Lee, Dee Dee and Gena.
3. Gretch, Jer and auto.
4. Ain't that chair kinda small?
5. Recognize these two?
6. Sick, boys?
7. At home with their knitting.
8. Quite a pose.
9. Class of '54, sophomore pep assembly.
10. Camera bugs.

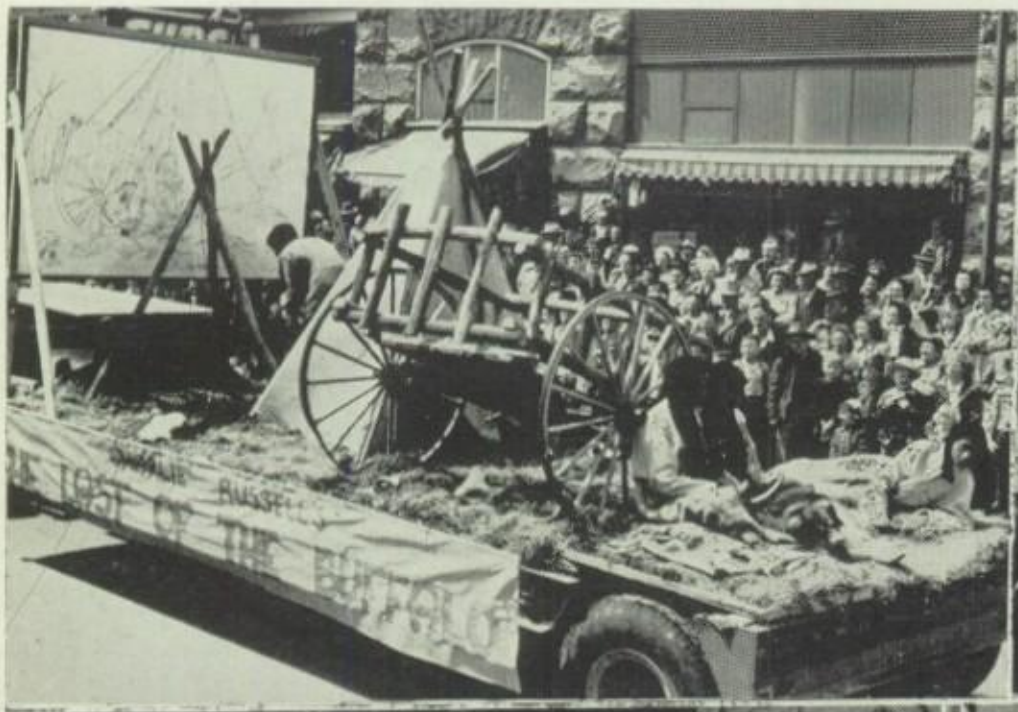
Dec. 2—Quill and Scroll initiated 13 lucky members into the International organization.
Dec. 3—Another sigh of relief was heard as the second six weeks came to an end.
Dec. 3—The Bengals opened their basketball season with a 65-55 win over North Central.
Dec. 4—Helena won again over Bozeman 75-66 in the first Big 16 game.
Dec. 11—Livingston handed the Cats their first loss 61-57.
Dec. 12—NROTC tests were taken by several senior boys.
Dec. 15-16—The hilarious "Curious Savage" starring Sara Kretzer was viewed by students and the public.
Dec. 17—Missoula trounced Helena 62-49 for its second defeat.
Dec. 21—The music department put on a fine Christmas concert as the Christmas spirit had taken hold of everyone.
Dec. 21—The Girls' H-Club initiated 16 senior girls into their ranks.
Dec. 23—School closed for Christmas vacation.
Dec. 28—Helena tromped Butte 72-48 in the opening game of the Butte Central Roundtable.
Dec. 29—The Bengals dumped Butte Central 68-52 in the semifinals.
Dec. 30—Helena trounced Anaconda 75-61 for the tourney crown.
Dec. 30—The DeMolay Christmas Dance was a big success.
Jan. 4—The sleepy students started the grind once more after recuperating from New Year's Eve.
Jan. 8—The Brawny Bengals tromped Anaconda 56-41.
Jan. 9—Helena avenged their early season loss to Livingston winning 56-48.
Jan. 15—The Cats ran wild walloping Kalispell 65-51.
Jan. 16—Havre got snowed under by the sharpshooting Bengals 73-48.
Jan. 21-22—Everyone had long faces as semester tests were the bill of fare.
Jan. 22—Helena won the "big one" by dropping Missoula 50-48.
Jan. 23—Anaconda snapped the Bengals' winning streak 51-45 and handed Helena its last loss.
Jan. 25—The seniors entered their final semester and two new classes were started.
Jan. 25—Rainbows and DeMolays held joint installation at the Consistory Temple.
Jan. 28—Helena took an easy 78-54 win over Bozeman.
Jan. 29—DECA's clowns added laughs to their successful Hi-Jinks.
Jan. 30—Bengals nipped Kalispell 45-41 in a heart-stopping thriller.
Feb. 4—Student council was filled with new faces after class room elections.
Feb. 5—Helena's sharpshooters trounced Great Falls 75-51.
Feb. 6—Butte was dazed by the brilliant Bengals 81-43.
Feb. 12—Helena gained third easy victory in a row dumping Butte Central 78-53.
Feb. 18—First step in the building of the new Helena High School was taken with awarding of the contracts.
Feb. 19—Helena coasted to a 71-42 win over Great Falls.
Feb. 20—Butte Central threw a scare into the Cats but fell 62-52.
Feb. 22—Seventy-six Thespians were initiated and the "Tin Hero" was presented at McHugh's barn.
Feb. 25—The public applauded the "Tin Hero", presented arena style.
Feb. 26—Butte Bulldogs fought the Bengals to the wire but lost 59-49.
Feb. 27—Helena gained 26th home win in a row by romping over Havre 73-41.
March 1—F.H.A. Family Night was a well attended affair.
March 3—Claudia Hardy was elected DAR Good Citizenship Girl by the faculty.
March 4—Helena opened the Divisional by mauling Great Falls 85-47.
March 5—Only two six weeks remained as the fourth six weeks came to a close.
March 5—Helena scored a hard fought semifinal win 63-51 over Glasgow.
March 6—Helena was crowned Divisional champs for the third straight year winning 59-47 over Missoula.
March 8—Ground breaking ceremonies for the new high school building were held.

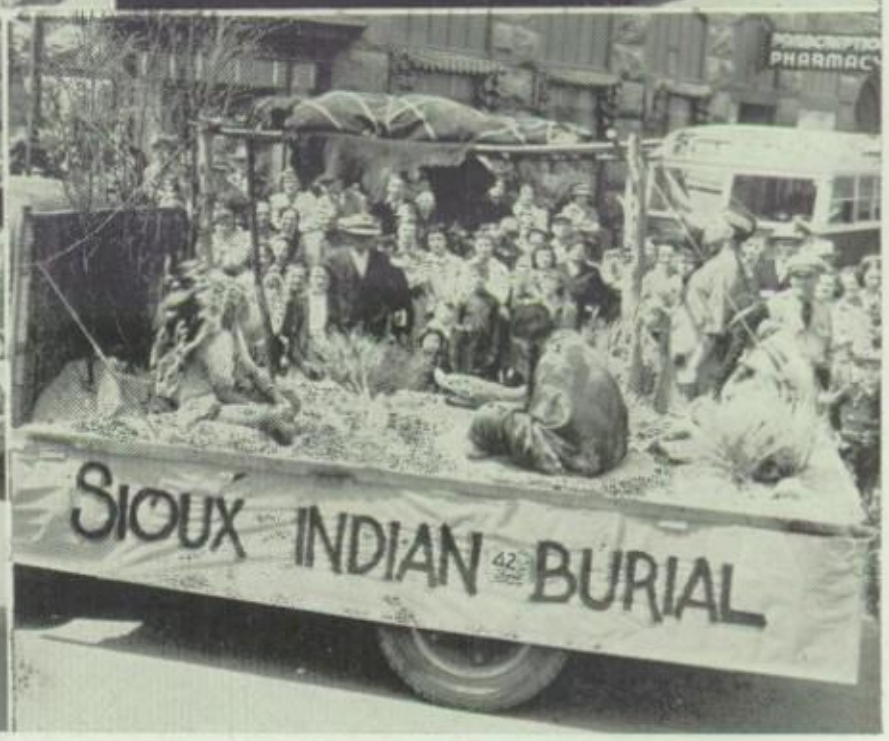
1. FHA Family Night.
2. Concentrating on the game?
3. The Thespians trip.
4. Almost time to start.
5. Our "dear little white rose".
6. Camera shy?
7. Cold?
8. Oh, you didn't?
9. Spirit of '76.
10. Watching the track meet.

CALENDAR (Continued)

March 9—Junior girls elected three delegates and three alternates to Girls' State.
March 12—Bev Berg was named "DeMolay Sweetheart" at their annual dance.
March 16—Girls' H-Club put on final pep assembly of the year.
March 17—"Cafe Le Parisienne" presented to HHS by MSU Jubileers.
March 18—Helena edged hard fighting Anaconda 61-51 in state tourney opener.
March 19—Bengals scored easy 75-41 semifinal win over Livingston to gain the finals.
March 20—Crimsonclads crowned champions after roaring from behind to edge Sidney 56-51.
March 21—Big red fire truck and thousands of Helena residents welcomed the state champions home.
March 22—H-Club Banquet held at Montana Club.
March 23—Eight Honor Society members racked brains on national tests.
March 23—HHS mourned the passing of Mr. Korn.
March 24—Lewistown Choralaires put on varied performance.
March 26—H-Club'ers put on successful dance with last minute flurry.
April 1-2—Thespians host to state convention.
April 7-9—DECA convention held in Helena.
April 10—Band and choruses welcomed visiting musicians at district meet.
April 12—National Assembly.
April 15—Boys' H-Club members given letters at awards assembly.
April 16—Graduation in sight at end of fifth six weeks.
April 17—Bengals journeyed to Great Falls for track meet.
April 15-20—HHS is emptied for Easter Vacation.
April 22-24—Musicians gathered in Missoula for state solo and small ensemble meet.
April 24—"South Pacific" scene of Junior Prom.
April 24—Butte came to Helena for track meet.
April 27—Honor Society initiated juniors in impressive ceremony.
April 27—Forensics greeted visiting district debaters and declaimers.
April 29—Final National Assembly held.
April 29-30—Top ranking seniors took part in High School Week at Bozeman.
May 1—Jaycee Relays.
May 5—3-7-77's assembly.
May 7—Vigilante Parade.
May 8—Bengals traveled to Billings for triangular track meet.
May 12—DECA gave their employers a banquet.
May 12—Student body elections held.
May 14-15—School vacated for Interscholastic Week at Missoula.
May 17—H-Clubs lit the "H".
May 24—Seniors assembled for their farewell banquet.
May 30—Baccalaureate services.
June 1-2—Semester tests denoted school's end.
June 3—Commencement exercises.
June 4—Summer at last after 183 days of school.

Vigilante Parade



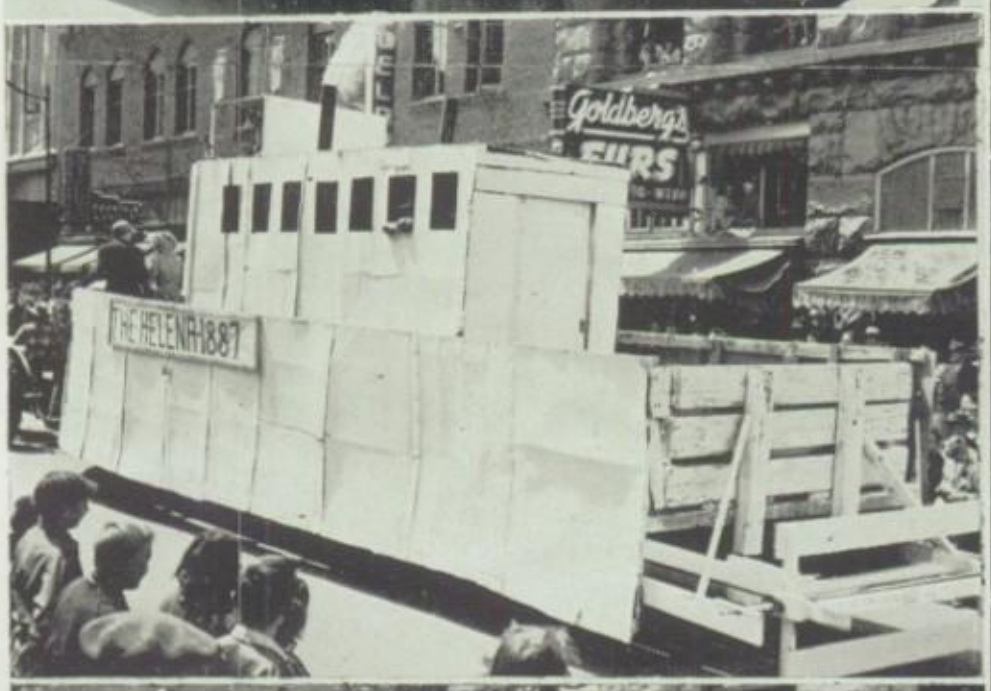


Begun in 1925 by Principal J. A. Roberts to replace the "sneak" days, the Vigilante Parade is today the event most looked forward to by the students and faculty of Helena High School, as well as by the people of Helena and the surrounding communities.

The parade boasts of a high safety record with the last accident occurring in 1933 or '34 when a girl was thrown from her horse.

Last year the record of 88.7 per cent, set in 1952, was shattered when 94.9 per cent of the school participated in the parade. The class of '53, in their senior year, won the coveted Roberts' Cup with a participation percentage of 100 per cent. Then followed the class of '56

Vigilante Parade



with a percentage of 95.6, the class of '54 with 95.4 per cent and the class of '55 with 89.5 per cent taking part in the parade.

Of the pictures shown, the following won first prizes: GUARDIAN OF THE GULCH, most authentic; THE HELENA, 1877, historical; BUILDING THE FIRST RAILROAD IN MONTANA, Roberts' award; TRADING AND PRESSING BUFFALO ROBES, FORT LEWIS, 1846, sweepstakes; CHARRED REMAINS, pioneer life, and SIOUX INDIAN BURIAL, Indian division.

The Vigilante Parades are centered around the history of Montana and although it would seem that the source of supply for ideas is limited, each year there are many new angles pictured, thus making the parade increasingly bigger and better.

1. What you doing kids?
2. Everybody has to get into the picture.
3. Having trouble, Phil?
4. Sweet smile.
5. One of Enid's solemn moments.
6. Shy, Lanny?
7. Don't cry, Sid.
8. Little Miss Muffitt.
9. Ginny.
10. Ain't he sweet?
11. Marsh and one of her many orphans.
12. Thespians gone Western in Seattle.
13. A lull in the game.

1. Remember that sophomore picnic?
2. Helena 4-H delegates.
3. Bottoms up.
4. Buy a candy bar.
5. Guess who!
6. Recognize these baseball players?
7. What's the matter, Connie?
8. Shirley Dearing.
9. Wha' happened?
10. Smile pretty!
11. DECA pep assembly.

1. Tired?
2. Oh, no!
3. Sleeping beauties.
4. Merk.
5. Don't go away mad!
6. Mistletoe and all!
7. Marian and one of her pastimes.
8. Our queen and her brother.
9. Tarzan and Jane.
10. Yvonne on the band trip.
11. Gerry.
12. Some of the Brawny (?) Bengals.

1. Prom time, '53.
2. On a trip, Donna?
3. Oops!
4. Who are these girls?
5. Bob Finley.
6. Hey!
7. What expressions!
8. What's wrong, Bill?
9. Still the same sweet Bob.
10. Looking for someone, Barb?
11. Fifth grade stars.
12. Sweet and lovely.
13. More of the DECA assembly.
14. Happy, Kitty?
15. Nice view!

In Memoriam

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Though he served as Helena High School's Assistant Principal only a short time, Norman E. Korn will long be remembered for his personal interest in the students.

Mr. Korn devoted a lifetime to youth, having taught school since 1929.

Sympathetic and big-hearted, he quickly won the respect and admiration of our faculty and student body.

Deep understanding and kindness were not sacrificed for smooth efficiency in his work.

To his memory, we humbly dedicate this page.

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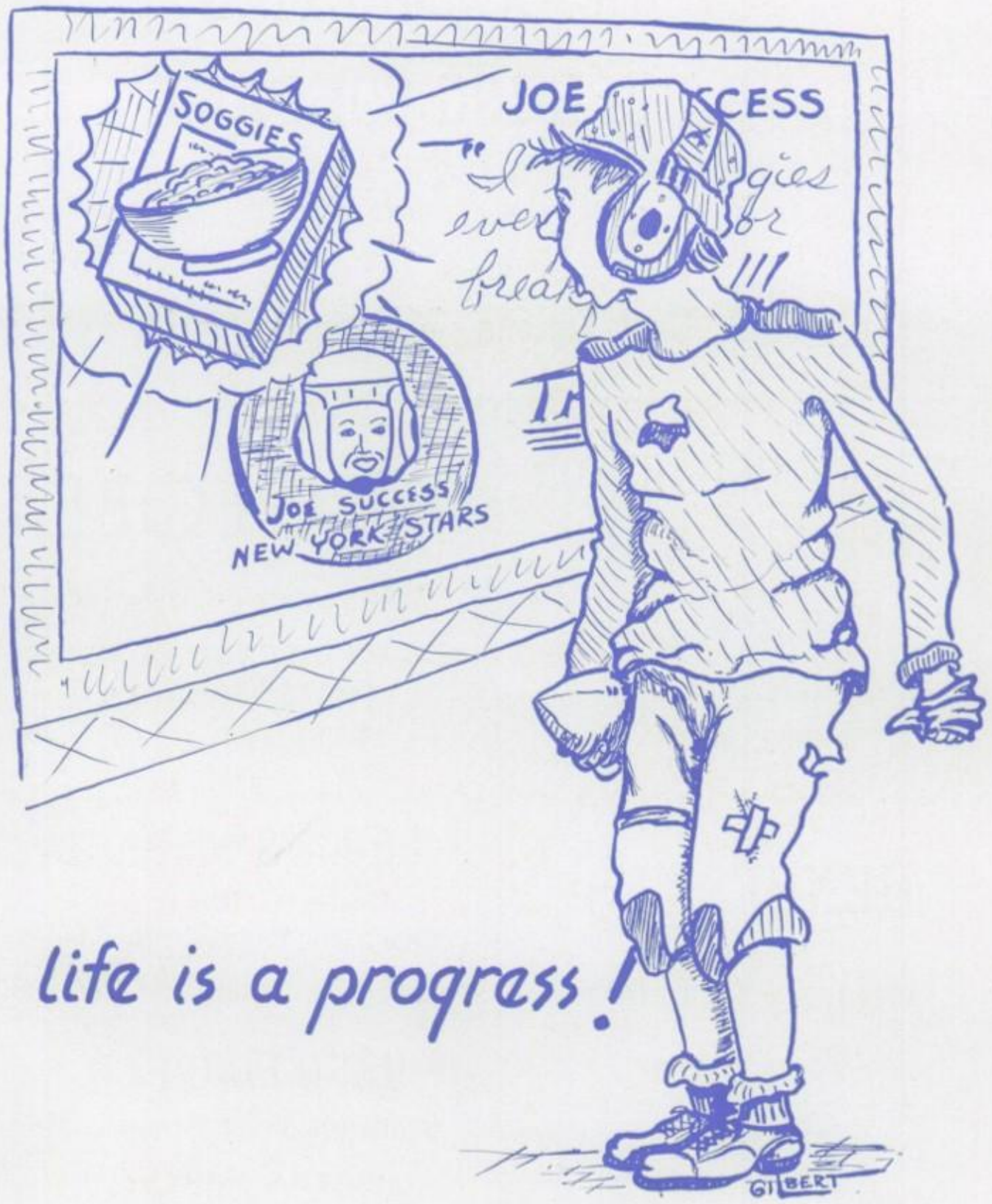

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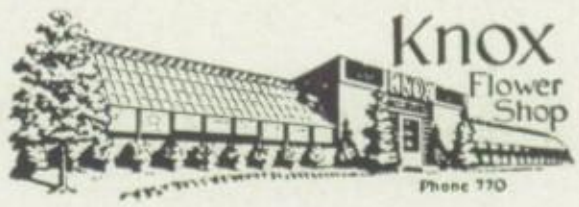

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Best of luck
to a swell guy.
Gene
"54"

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Bob
I wish you
lots of Lucke.
Take it easily on
the liquor and run
a 6 min. mile next
year.
Cocky Pollins

Bob
well its been two
years now and two
more years to go,
Ill see you next
year.
Gerry Robinson
'56

Bob —
Good luck to a
real swell East
Helena kid. Be good
and take it easy.
Gerry H.
"56"

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Good luck to a nice kid, here's wishing you the best Joanne Blight '56

Good luck to a swell kid.
Ronnie Weiss
'56

Bob
Dedicated to a little future cheerleader.
Gary Bacon "56"

Well Bob
Here's to a swell kid and here's hoping you make the team this year. Good luck en the rule kept
Take it easy an the women Bob & Dick
Bill "Biffy"
"54"

Good luck to a real good old scout.
Jack O'Connor '56

Dear Bob.
I hope that I have you in some of my classes next year. I wish you the best of luck and hope that we both get out of Geometry!)

Your friend,
Rosalie Hamm
"56"

Bob,
It has been nice to have you in Geometry this year but I hope I have you in mother class next year Best Ever
Blanche Shein
'56'

Good luck to
a good fisherman
Ronald Davison
"57"

Bob,
You haven't much more to go in H. H. S. but I hope you have good luck in everything you do and also a lot of fun.
Loads of luck
Marian Lubinick
'57

Dear Bob,
I running out of things to say except that I wish you loads of success and happiness in the future. Maybe we'll be in a class together next year.
Joan McGuire

Good luck
Bobbie Mc
"56"

Bob—!
Loads and loads
of puppy love to a real
swell kid — Hope you
catch a lot of fish next school
year

Take it easy
Big Bob
Judd

Bob,
Here's wishing
you all the luck
in the world
Evelyn Stanghill
'57

Good luck
& good kiss
Bill Vollmer
'56

Good luck to a
swell kid in all
the years to come.
Love
Teresa & Bob

Bob,
This year has really
been a lot of fun
and I wish you the
best of luck.
Bonnie M.
"55"

Best of luck
to a fellow Coast
Veteran! We have
really had fun this
past year, haven't
we? You're a real swell
kid and I hope more
of the same for
you in this
world.
Good luck always
Dorothy Ann
Johnson
'56

Good luck to you and
Best of luck
Sharlene
'55

Good luck, Don't trouble trouble 'till
trouble troubles you. I of know I can
Rap count on each other Wayne
see you're really a Charlie Brown

Bob,
Best wishing
you lots of luck
and happiness in
H.H.S. Bob Braun
"56"

Best Wishes to
a real swell guy.
Gloss Foster
Stansell

Good Luck Bob.
Have fun this summer
Myron Carroll

Bob
Best of Luck here
in the come
ing year
in W.H.S.
John Carlson
"56"

a Roberta

Es un niño tonto, un
perro y la come
Bill Morton
'56"

Hi Bob
to a real swell kid
and hope you luck
be good this summer
Dick '55"
Duke

Best of luck ever
Bob. Have fun &
behave this summer
Katie Eschbach
"56"

Best of luck
to the big Juniors now.
Be a good boy this summer
and we'll be seeing you
around
Terry
Lowney

Dave Swingley
Have a swell summer
Jim Gilbert
Have a swell summer
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Have a swell summer

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